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Three days after the April 16th mass murders at Virginia Tech, UMW students showed their solidarity and support with a candlelight vigil in Ball Circle. The next day, which Gov. Timothy Kaine had declared as a statewide day of mourning, members of the UMW community formed a human "Chain of Hope" from one end of the Fredericksburg campus to the other, with all participants observing a moment of silence at noon.

Candlelight vigil photo taken by Alexandra Borys '07.

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STATEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON BOARD OF VISITORS

April 30, 2007

After a great deal of deliberation and in recognition of our obligations to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington has decided that it is in the best interests of the University and the University community that this Board terminate Dr. William J. Frawley from his employment with the University, for cause, effective immediately.

The Board has appointed Richard V. Hurley acting UMW president, vesting him with all the responsibilities and authority of the University president.

BACKGROUND

Excerpts from statement issued April 12, 2007, by Board of Visitors' Rector J. William Poole:

On April 10, William J. Frawley was involved in a serious automobile accident in Northern Virginia. Fairfax County Police issued a warrant for Dr. Frawley on a "driving under the influence" charge. He was admitted to Fairfax Inova Hospital.

Dr. Frawley left the hospital early the following morning, April 11, and returned to Fredericksburg. Subsequent to that, he was arrested for "driving under the influence" after a second automobile incident. Dr. Frawley was admitted to Mary Washington Hospital that afternoon for medical treatment. He remained in the hospital for five and a half days.

For more information, please contact UMW's Office of University Relations, 540/654-1055.

Stafford campus opens second building

The University celebrated a historic milestone in January with the opening of its second academic building at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

The $14.6 million, 42,612-square-foot structure roughly doubles the instructional space at the seven-year-old Stafford campus, which has experienced steady enrollment growth. Last fall, a record 899 students enrolled in degree programs and other for-credit courses at CGPS.

The sleek, two-story building will allow the nonresidential campus to accommodate continued expansion. Enrollment is expected to nearly double by the fall of 2011. The campus offers evening and weekend classes to working adults pursuing degrees and certificates on a part-time basis. Hundreds more take computer training and professional development courses at CGPS.

"We are excited about our expanded presence in Stafford County," said J. William Poole, rector of the UMW Board of Visitors. "This new building demonstrates the growing need for our services among professionals in this region Also, given the large allocation of state funds for this project, it shows the degree of confidence the legislature has placed in UMW."

Jillian Brodie '10

Rector Bill Poole sat among UMW board members and other dignitaries at the February ribbon-cutting ceremony for the second building on the Stafford campus.

The new building has 12 classrooms, three computer labs, a networking lab, a curriculum development lab, and faculty offices. It also has a multi-use area capable of seating 250. That space is available for public rental.

Like the first building, the new structure offers wireless Internet connectivity. Each classroom features an interactive computer – a Sympodium – which allows the instructor to create and modify presentations that are simultaneously projected on a screen for student viewing.

Christine Neuberger

CGPS's new building roughly doubles the instructional space at the graduate and professional studies campus.

UMW professor's quest for justice nears goal

Professor Gregory H. Stanton will see one of his life's major goals achieved next year. A tribunal will be established that will put former leaders of the communist Cambodian Khmer Rouge regime on trial. Two million Cambodians – one quarter of the Cambodian population – died under the brutal Khmer Rouge regime from 1975 to 1979, before it was overthrown by a Vietnamese invasion.

"I am grateful to have lived to see the Khmer Rouge Tribunal finally established," Stanton said.

Gregory H. Stanton

Stanton, UMW's James Farmer Professor in Human Rights, first witnessed evidence of the mass murders when he served as field director for Church World Service in Cambodia in 1980. He founded the Cambodian Genocide Project in 1981 to bring the Khmer Rouge leaders to justice. During the 1990s, he served in the U.S. State Department, where he drafted the options paper that guided U.S. policy on how to bring the Khmer Rouge to trial.

Since 2002, when Stanton was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, he has served as a legal adviser to the task force that created the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. He drafted the rules of procedure that will be adopted this spring by the judges appointed by the United Nations and the Cambodian government and sworn in last July.

Stanton is president and founder of Genocide Watch, and founder and chairman of the International Campaign to End Genocide. He has been a law professor at Washington and Lee University, American University, and the University of Swaziland.

First Alvey Scholar and newest Washington Scholar named

Michael Kappert

Michael J. Kappert from Columbia, Md., will begin classes at UMW this fall with a distinct honor. He is the first recipient of an Alvey Scholarship at the University of Mary Washington.

In addition to his stellar academic record, Kappert is cross country team captain and state champion. He also has played lead saxophone in wind and jazz ensembles. Kappert plans to major in political science at UMW.

Named in honor of Edward Alvey, Jr., dean at Mary Washington for more than 30 years and author of the definitive *History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972*, this highly selective scholarship program was established to provide full tuition, fees, room, and board for out-of-state students.

Sally Watson Castle '55 of Gladwyne, Pa., funded this first full scholarship in the Alvey Scholars Program with a gift of $500,000 to help "round out the dynamics" of the University population. An out-of-state student during her years at Mary Washington, she said, "I think it is wonderful to have a variety of people at a college."

The Alvey Scholars Program is modeled after the UMW Washington Scholars Program. Established in 1997, the Washington Scholars Program currently provides full scholarships for seven outstanding students from throughout Virginia.

Stacey Aylor

Stacey L. Aylor of Spotsylvania, Va., recently accepted her award to become the newest recipient of a Washington Scholarship. Aylor attends Massaponax High School and is also a student in the regional Commonwealth Governor's School. She is president of the Latin Club, captain of the Certamen team, and a participant in many community service activities. Aylor is interested in studying mathematics, statistics, and history at UMW and plans to become a high school teacher.

UMW advances as a best value

Once again, UMW is listed among *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine's "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." The University has moved from 22nd to 20th position since the list was published last year.

The magazine ranks schools on their combined academic excellence and affordability, with more emphasis placed on academics. More than 500 schools are evaluated on such measures of academic quality as the percentage of freshmen scoring 600 or higher on the verbal and math components of the SAT (or scoring 24 or higher on the ACT), admission and retention rates, student/faculty ratios, and four- and six-year graduation rates. Each school also is ranked on cost and financial aid, including out-of-state numbers.

The University is ranked 20th "best value" when comparing in-state tuition costs and 11th when evaluating out-of-state tuition costs.

Mary Washington has seen its academic reputation gain national recognition through consistently high rankings in several selective college guidebooks, including *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges*, and *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges and Universities*.

New physician on campus

P. Thomas Riley, M.D., joined the University staff in January as physician and director of the University Student Health Center. He succeeds Ilma Meade Overman, M.D., who retired after 30 years with the University.

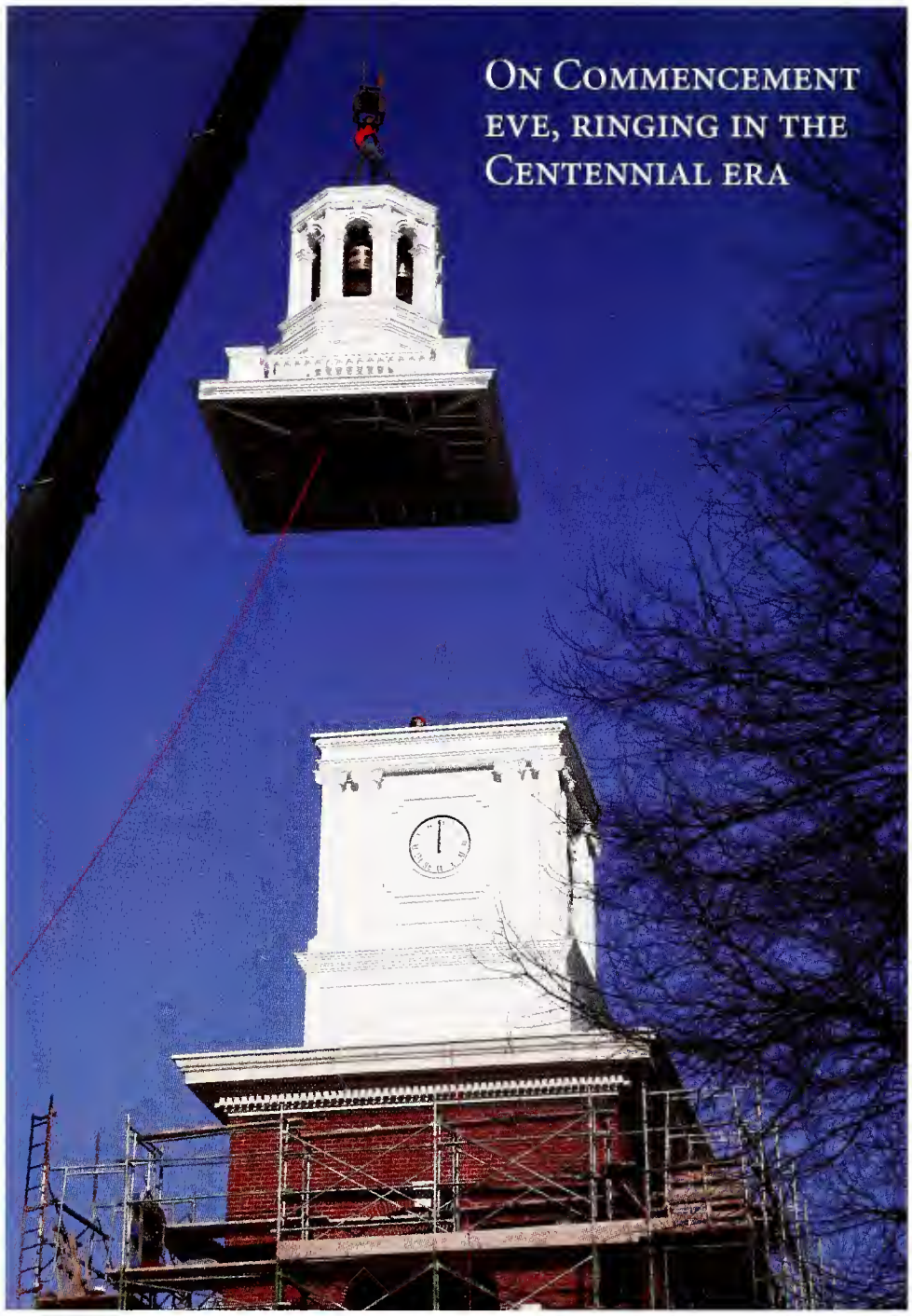
Dr. Riley oversees the daily operations of student health services and directly cares for patients. He's also helping plan and implement wellness, health, and emergency-preparedness programs.

A family practitioner for 30 years, mostly in the Richmond area, Dr. Riley earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Virginia and a doctorate of medicine from the Medical College of Virginia. He completed his family practice residency at Riverside Family Practice in Newport News, Va.

Dr. Riley also stays active outside his medical career. He's an avid photographer. He enjoys computers, hiking, bicycling, and motorcycles. In 1980, he and his wife, Barbara, bicycled from Yorktown, Va., to San Diego, Calif.

Dr. P. Thomas Riley

Karen Pearlman



On Commencement eve, ringing in the Centennial era

A new campus landmark has taken shape. The Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile, under construction since last summer, was dedicated on May 11. These photos were taken in February when the final custom-made pieces were placed atop the red-brick base. Sporting a hard hat, John Chappell (below), who wanted to memorialize his late wife's love of learning, was on hand for the tower's topping-off.

Karen Pearlman

Three decades and still rowing

The Mary Washington crew team celebrated its 30th anniversary during Homecoming last fall. On hand were approximately 60 friends, alumni, and current members of the rowing team. During the celebration, eight of the fleet's boats were dedicated, including one called *Hammond's Way* in honor of team founder, **Cyndi Hammond Sosnowski '80**.

The name came from a comment: "Cyndi got her way, starting a club that finally became a varsity sport." Sosnowski is second from the left in the photo at right, standing between two of the team's earliest advisers: Biology Professor Stephen Fuller and Physics Professor Bulent Atalay. Also pictured are Philip Schmehl, head coach, and his wife, Rebecca Schmehl, who serves as the team's assistant coach.

Kimiko Ebata '08 has traveled around the world. Here she is in Tanzania working with some children.

Study abroad grant creates student envoys

More UMW students will get a chance to study outside of the U.S., thanks to a substantial grant from the Institute for Study Abroad.

A $150,000 grant was recently awarded to Chris Musick, director of international academic services at the University. The gift will be used to fund 10 scholarships of $5,000 each annually over the next three years to UMW students interested in studying abroad.

"This grant will assist students who may not otherwise have the financial means to go abroad, especially students from the Commonwealth of Virginia," Musick said. "Participants will help to create global awareness on campus and in the community through service projects upon their return from studying abroad."

The scholarships will be part of a new program called Cultural Envoys, which aims to make international travel available to a wider range of students. The program will educate students about the country they will be visiting one semester prior to their departure, and it will provide opportunities to discuss the impact of study abroad and work with students upon their return.

Currently, one fourth of the nearly 4,000 undergraduates in the University's liberal arts and sciences program participate in study abroad. Students will be selected based on academic merit, financial need, extracurricular activities, and interest in the program.

Agreement eases transfer to UMW

A guaranteed-admission agreement between the University and Virginia's community colleges is helping students seamlessly transfer to UMW.

The agreement, signed last fall, ensures admission to UMW for students at any of Virginia's community colleges who have earned a transfer-oriented associate degree and who meet certain other eligibility requirements.

"I am pleased that we have been able to foster this partnership," said J. William Poole, rector of the UMW Board of Visitors. "It is further evidence of the creative ways regional and state educational institutions can and should work together."

To be eligible for the program, community college students must have earned an associate degree with a 3.25 or higher grade-point average, as well as a grade of a C or higher in all courses that apply toward the transfer program. Students also must declare intent to transfer to UMW after completing 15 credits at the community college, but before applying for graduation.

The University already has individual transfer agreements in place for its Bachelor of Professional Studies program with Germanna Community College, Lord Fairfax Community College, Rappahannock Community College, and Northern Virginia Community College.

There's no debate: UMW team is No. 1

The University's debate team ranked first in the nation at the American Debate Association's national championship tournament held at Liberty University in March. The top varsity ranking is a first in the school's history.

The American Debate Association is one of three intercollegiate debate-ranking bodies whose membership includes such schools as Boston College, Cornell University, and Dartmouth College.

"This is a historic accomplishment," said Tim O'Donnell, associate professor of speech and director of debate. "We've been second before, but this is the first time UMW has finished first in any of the rankings."

UMW's award-winning debate team

Dave Ellis/The Free Lance-Star

1004 College Avenue

UMW expands its reach

The University has purchased two houses across the street from the Fredericksburg campus – one at the corner of College Avenue and William Street and the other next door on College Avenue. The spacious residences will serve as offices for professors, seminar rooms, and a venue for occasional receptions.

Robert A. Martin/The Free Lance-Star

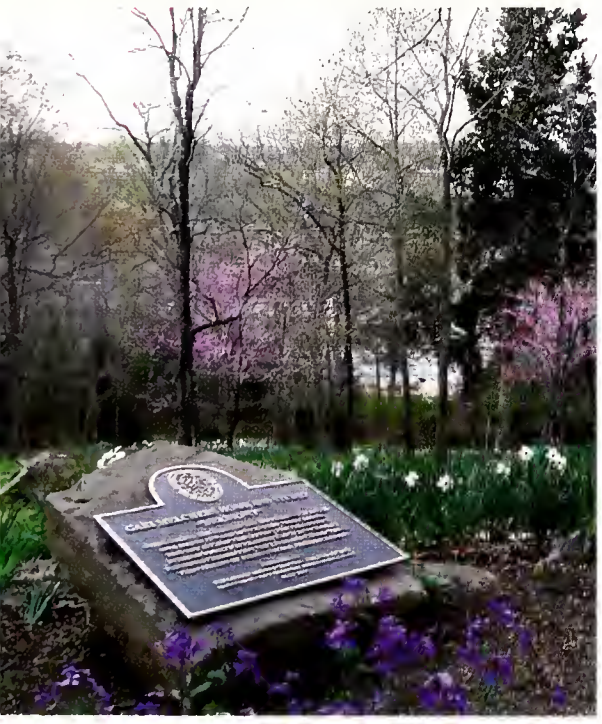
1201 William Street

Colonial Dames to honor UMW's Belmont

Gari Melcher's Home and Studio at Belmont in Falmouth will be recognized as a significant national historic site by the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century at a garden ceremony on May 20.

Local, state, and national representatives of the organization will dedicate a marker placed at the entrance to Corinne Melchers' grove path overlooking the Rappahannock River, near the Summer House.

The Colonial Dames will distinguish Belmont as an important historical setting that has witnessed more than 200 years of American history. The marker is the first in the region sponsored by the recently formed George Mason Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century.



David Berreth

A historical setting marker will be placed on Belmont's grove path overlooking the Rappahannock River.

Universal Studios marketing guru serves as Graduate-in-Residence

If you're a woman and you went to see *King Kong*, you have **Dan Wolfe '84** to thank.

Executives at Universal Studios knew virtually every 10- to 70-year-old male would be lining up to see the 2005 blockbuster. As executive vice president of Worldwide Creative Operations at NBC/Universal, Wolfe was charged with making sure everyone else, particularly women, filled the theater seats.

In order to do this, Wolfe had to sell a romance between a woman and an ape.

He told a class of UMW undergraduates how he and his team capitalized on the relationship between *King Kong* star Naomi Watts and her ape companion.

Wolfe, this year's Distinguished Graduate-in-Residence, showed promotional posters in which Watts appears vulnerable and adoring curled up in King Kong's massive hand and others in which the actress stands tall and strong next to the ape.

"She looks just as powerful in her own way here," Wolfe said of the latter poster. "That speaks to women."

Wolfe's duties at Universal include strategic planning, development, and execution of film marketing – from the theatrical trailer to commercials, print advertising, and more.

He leads nearly 100 creative, technical, and support personnel to produce award-winning marketing campaigns for all of Universal's major films.

Wolfe works on about 30 films per year, most recently *The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Meet the Fockers*, and *Ray*.

"I felt like all I did in my 30s was work. I looked back and said, 'Have I really given back?'" Wolfe said "And I want to give back to the school that meant a lot to me."

Throughout his talk, Wolfe presented movie promotional posters. He pointed out the different advertising strategies employed for the domestic (U.S.) market and the international market.

For instance, Wolfe showed both the domestic and international trailers for the upcoming release, *Knocked Up*, a movie about a young guy who impregnates his one-night stand.

The international trailer included far more profanity and sexual references, because, Wolfe explained, "We can get away with more overseas."

Karen Pearlman

Dan Wolfe presented promotional material used to market movies.

Ever the marketer, Wolfe asked the class for feedback.

"I get inspiration from understanding the audience I'm trying to sell to," he said.

Raised in a military family in Florida and Virginia, Wolfe emphasized that people from ordinary backgrounds can achieve extraordinary things.

"I was very much like you guys," Wolfe said to students in the class. "I had a middle-class background and I didn't know what I wanted to do going into college. You can accomplish anything."

Wolfe, who frequently visits other countries for business, says his interest in traveling was sparked by the late Dr. Richard Palmieri, former professor of geography at Mary Washington.

"He was one of my biggest influences from Mary Washington and one of the best professors I've ever had," Wolfe said.

Wolfe's undergraduate degree was in business administration. He went on to earn a master's degree in communication industries management from Emerson College.

"What really prepared me and helped me to mold where I wanted to go was the very diverse education I got from Mary Washington," Wolfe said. "I'm glad I took classes in logic and Shakespeare."

But nothing at Mary Washington could prepare Wolfe for the wild and mystical land of Hollywood.

He told the class that when he was leaving work recently, chatting with his brother on his cell phone, he looked up at the truck in front of him to see a caged tiger staring back at him and licking its lips.

"Things like that make you realize you don't work in the real world," Wolfe said. "L.A. is a kind of fantasy world."

Wolfe has worked at Universal for more than 16 years, but he wasn't always living the glamorous life. His first job after graduating from Mary Washington involved transporting frozen fish. But Wolfe stresses the importance of learning from such experiences.

"It's good to have bad jobs because it builds character," he said.

– Tierney R. Mcafee '08

Religion research sparks media interest

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Emile Lester is attracting media attention for his research on religion in schools. In January, he was a guest on the public radio program "With Good Reason," as part of its "Intelligent Designs on Student Minds" series. Lester's findings also have been documented in *The New York Times*, in *USA Today*, and on C-SPAN.

An expert in church and state issues, Lester recently completed research to determine effects of the unique Modesto, Calif., public school requirement that all high school students take an extended course on world religions. His report, co-authored by Patrick Roberts, an assistant professor at Virginia Tech's Center for Public Administration and Policy, finds that students who take the world religion class are more supportive of the rights of others. He found that the course provides a fuller appreciation for shared moral values among world religions, yet does not encourage a change in the students' own religious convictions.

Emile Lester

The results of Lester's research were published by the First Amendment Center. Lester also has had works published in *The Review of Politics*, *Polity*, and *The Journal of Church and State*, among other journals. He has delivered numerous conference presentations and has served as reviewer of manuscripts for *Political Theory* and *Journal of Politics*.

Lester earned a bachelor's degree in government from George Washington University, a master's degree in political theory from the London School of Economics, and a doctorate in government and foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

Karen Pearlman

On Painting and other student art on display

UMW's duPont Gallery displayed the largest collection of works ever chosen for the annual Student Art Exhibit (below). The 82 student pieces were selected from among all UMW student works created during the last year and entered in the competition. Juror Ray Kass, professor emeritus of art at Virginia Tech, chose the entries and the recipient of the Melchers Gray Purchase Award. The equivalent of best-in-show, the winning art work is purchased by the University for its permanent collection.

This year's award went to **Robert Lynn '08** (above) for his oil on canvas, *On Painting*.

Karen Pearlman

Korean students will study at UMW

This fall, the University will welcome a group of 14 students from the Sungshin Women's University in Seoul, Korea.

Their presence will add a new dimension to the campus, according to Esther Yook, director of the University's Speaking Center. Plans already are under way to expand the program to include 20 students the following academic year.

"The program is a very forward-looking initiative that will simultaneously bring more diversity to our campus and allow international students to learn about American values and our culture," Yook said.

She believes the program will enhance learning in the campus community.

"Our interactions with the Korean students will lead us to learn about different cultures and to discover different perspectives," Yook said. "These interactions will also be an opportunity to indirectly learn about ourselves."

Philanthropy grants help build young lives

Two nonprofit organizations are reaping the benefits of the University's unique philanthropy course. Two Fredericksburg-area charities were awarded grants by the class, Economics 324, which functioned as a philanthropic foundation. Homes for America: Heritage Park Academic Achievement Program received a $7,000 grant, and Rebuilding Together received a $3,000 gift.

The grants were funded by Doris Buffett's Sunshine Lady Foundation, which provided the class with $10,000 to award as it deemed fit. The course is in its second year at UMW, and it is expected to be taught each fall for at least the next two years. The Sunshine Lady Foundation is a private family foundation funded by Buffett, a Fredericksburg resident.

Jillian Brodie '10

Doris Buffett

Homes for America: Heritage Park Academic Achievement Program is using the gift to provide tutoring assistance to children who are residents of Heritage Park Apartments in Fredericksburg. Rebuilding Together is developing a program to train young people in home improvement. The group is the nation's largest volunteer home rehabilitation organization, serving low-income homeowners.

The philanthropy class received a total of 30 applications, a 50 percent increase over last year. The course, Economics of Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector, is taught by Robert Rycroft, professor of economics. It allows students to learn about philanthropy through hands-on assignments. Students form a foundation, create the criteria for the award, solicit applications for the grants, review the applications, and select the award winners.

Jillian Brodie '10

Members of last fall's Economics 324 class with grant recipients.

A cultured voice speaks at Fredericksburg Forum

The voice that has us "shivering at hello," according to moderator Susan Stamberg, might never have been. Actor James Earl Jones, whose commanding bass tone has made him famous, told a sold-out audience at the 12th annual Fredericksburg Forum in March how a stutter made him stop talking from age 5 to 14.

"Not having a voice as a child and finding it as an adult," Jones said, had the most profound impact on his life.

Stamberg is a nationally renowned broadcast journalist and special correspondent for National Public Radio.

Jones discussed different aspects of culture and their effects on the world today. Jones' mantra, which he repeated throughout his speech in his trademark deep intonation: "Everything that happens to a people is culture."

Though he didn't speak for 10 years, language fascinates Jones. Language was just one of the barriers of culture that he discussed.

Jones shared stories from his travels around the globe. He said culture is learned and differs around the world. Because of these differences, people have difficulties understanding and working with one another.

Despite their contrasts, Jones noted one time when people come together: to watch movies. At 3, seeing his first movie, he found it extraordinary that strangers would gather in the darkness to watch the same film – and differences didn't matter.

"Culture can enrich and empower people," he said. "We are all pioneers, trying to wrestle out a better life for us and future generations."

After his talk, Jones sat center stage and

James Earl Jones chatted with moderator Susan Stamberg during the Fredericksburg Forum.

Karen Pearlman

responded to questions submitted by the audience. In what looked like a scene from *Inside the Actors Studio*, Jones talked about actors and mentors with whom he has worked, and he offered advice for those new to the craft.

Although he had many witty responses to questions, Jones was serious when he talked about what moves him: the lives of the characters he plays. An actor's greatest contribution is to read a character's words with simplicity and honesty, Jones said.

The Fredericksburg Forum will continue next season with political commentators Steve and Cokie Roberts on October 2, followed by journalist Bob Woodward on March 11, 2008.

– Andrea Christie '07

Fourth Great Lives Reaches Conclusion

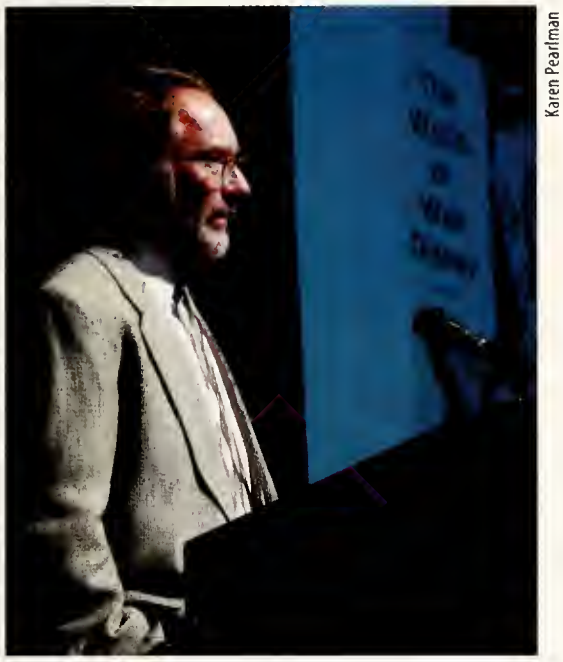
The University's popular "Chappell Lecture Series: Great Lives" culminated in April with a lecture on Princess Diana by Sally Bedell Smith. She is author of *Diana In Search of Herself* and has written numerous other biographies on public figures such as William S. Paley, Pamela Harriman, and John and Jacqueline Kennedy. Smith has worked at *Time* and *The New York Times*, and she currently is a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*.

The 14-lecture program, sponsored by the Department of History and American Studies, examines the lives of intriguing figures throughout history.

The series conducted throughout the month of April also featured the following lectures:

- "Emily Dickinson" by Claudia Emerson, UMW's Arrington Distinguished Chair of Poetry and professor of English. Emerson's book of poetry, *Late Wife*, won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize.
- "Walt Disney" by Steven Watts, professor of history at the University of Missouri-Columbia and author of *The Magic Kingdom: Walt Disney and the American Way of Life*.
- "Charles deGaulle" by Jason Davidson, assistant professor of political science at UMW. Davidson is an expert on European politics, foreign relations of the United States and Europe, American foreign and security policy, and international affairs.

Steven Watts (below) sounded magical notes on the life of Walt Disney and Secretariat's author, Bill Nack, offered running commentary about the famous horse.



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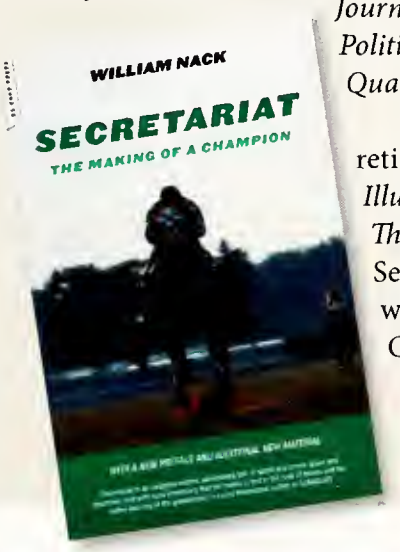
- "Fidel Castro" by Robert Barr, UMW's assistant professor of political science. Barr is an authority on Latin American politics and has had articles published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *Third World Quarterly*.
- "Secretariat" by Bill Nack, retired sports writer for *Sports Illustrated* and author of *Secretariat: The Making of a Champion*. Secretariat was a Triple Crown winner and equine native of Caroline County.



Showing Off

Scholarship Student Showcase was the theme of the 2007 Recognition Luncheon for Heritage Society Members and Scholarship Donors. In keeping with the theme, students sang, played instruments, or displayed their art projects, poetry, and research accomplishments.

Duane Berger

Debby Klein (center) was surrounded by students from the Department of Theatre and Dance, including recipients of the Albert R. Klein Memorial Scholarship, a fund established in honor of her late husband.

Joe Parker

Singleton steps down

Ronald Singleton, vice president of University relations, communications, and legislative affairs, retired in March. He has served Mary Washington in six different capacities for the past 20 years. Singleton plans to pursue a career in higher education consulting, specializing in communications and institutional advancement.

A co-founder of the College Communicators Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia, Singleton has worked in public relations and fundraising for more than 30 years. He has served as chief information officer for both Ferrum College and Wofford College, and as vice president of Shenandoah University. He also has worked as an editor-in-chief, general manager, and part owner of *The Danville Commercial Appeal*.

Mary Randolph "Ranny" Corbin '71 has been appointed executive director of University relations and communications. She is former executive assistant to the University president.

Eagle women shine in first-ever Final Four

Coach achieves top honors

By Clint Often

The UMW women's basketball team enjoyed a storybook season, ending with the program's first ever appearance at the NCAA Division III Final Four in March. The Eagles, who led the nation with 31 wins, fell in the national semifinals to eventual champion DePauw University, but rebounded to defeat New York University to claim third place in the nation.

The chase for the national title began in December, when the Eagles dropped a close road game at York in a game played without defensive stalwarts Leigh Kampman and Lisa Tracy. UMW then reeled off 25 straight wins to close the regular season, despite playing several games without Debbie Bruen, Katy Larson, and Sarah Flanagan, who would miss the final 10 games with a torn ACL.

UMW disposed of Gallaudet, 100-41, in the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament quarterfinals, and then topped Salisbury, 79-58, in the semifinals. In the rematch for the CAC title with Marymount University, UMW claimed the league crown with a 53-42 win in a defensive battle, led by Liz Hickey's 21 points, eight rebounds, and seven blocked shots. Hickey went on to become CAC Player of the Year and D3Hoops.com's Atlantic Region Player of the Year.

In the first round of the NCAA Tournament, UMW limited the College of Notre Dame to only eight field goals, believed to be an NCAA Tournament game record, in a 66-30 win. Against Christopher Newport in the second round, Bruen scored a game-high 20 points, and Lisa Tracy continued to emerge as a key contributor in the starting lineup, netting 14 points, as UMW won 77-61.

Participating in the toughest sectional in the NCAA bracket, the Eagles then played two of the most exciting games of the season, as they topped third-ranked Scranton, 48-45, ending the Lady Royals' 63-game home court winning streak. This victory set up a rematch with No. 1-ranked Bowdoin College, which had eliminated the Eagles in last year's Sweet 16. This time, the Eagles stormed back from an 11-point second-half deficit to gain a 64-59 win, holding Bowdoin scoreless for the final six minutes of the game and sending the Eagles to the Final Four in Springfield, Mass.

Despite a heavy snowfall, more than 1,000 fans showed up to watch the Eagles take on DePauw University in the national semifinal on St. Patrick's Day weekend. After grabbing an 11-point first-half lead, UMW led by five at halftime, but the Tigers came from behind to defeat UMW, 67-61. The next day, DePauw would win the national championship, and the Eagles would claim the third-place prize, as they topped NYU, 74-63, led by Bruen's 21 points in the final game of her historic college career.

The Eagles were led throughout the season by All-Americans Bruen and Hickey, and ranked as one of the top defensive teams in the nation, placing first in field-goal percentage and second in scoring defense among the NCAA's 400-plus Division III schools.

Bruen finished her undergraduate career with 1,507 points, the second highest in school history. She also was named to the All-Final Four team after scoring 35 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in the pair of games in Springfield.

Head coach Deena Applebury earned top coaching honors, gaining recognition as the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year. She also was named CAC Coach of the Year for the third consecutive time, Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by D3Hoops.com, and Virginia State Coach of the Year for all divisions by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Richard Orr

Junior center Liz Hickey raised her game significantly as the season progressed, earning CAC Player of the Year and All-America honors.

Richard Orr

Junior forward Leigh Kampman (left) was a key ingredient as UMW emerged as one of the top defensive teams in the nation. Head Coach Deena Applebury (below) was named NCAA Division III Coach of the Year after posting a school-record 31 victories. At bottom of page: The Eagles celebrated after ending third-ranked Scranton's 63-game home court winning streak in the Sweet 16.

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HERO IN HONDURAS

UMW senior is big man on campus and in Central America

By Erica Mason '07

Shin Fujiyama '07 is devoted to the children of Siete de Abril in Honduras and the nearby Copprome Orphanage. He and fellow UMW students are providing children from the village – such as the boy shown here with Fujiyama –with homes, food, education, and friendship.

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Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

Most of the families in Siete de Abril live in makeshift shelters, such as this one. Students Helping Honduras, started by Fujiyama, raised more than $200,000 this spring to build homes for these families.

Shin Fujiyama can barely walk five feet on campus without someone stopping him to say hi. This slightly-built soccer player is known by nearly every student on the University of Mary Washington's Fredericksburg campus. But while Shin pauses to talk organic chemistry with a classmate or speak Japanese with a UMW staff member, his mind is likely thousands of miles from Fredericksburg.

He may be thinking about 10-year-old Carmen, who lives in a cardboard shack. With her parents too ill to work, she sells oranges and takes care of her two little brothers.

Or, perhaps, he's wondering about Marvin, a 14-year-old boy with a throbbing toothache, who walks miles to dig through trashcans seeking food and anything salvageable to resell.

Shin, a pre-med and international affairs major, seems an unlikely savior for abandoned children in a ravaged area of Central America. However, rescuing the Carmens and Marvins in a remote part of Honduras has become Shin's calling.

This calling has colored his life and his career choice. And it has transformed a campus a continent away.

Since the fall of 2004, this 118-pound dynamo has managed to find time in his schedule and room in his heart for nine trips to the refugee community of Siete de Abril, located in El Progreso, Honduras. He and his sister, William and Mary senior Cosmo Fujiyama, founded a nonprofit organization called Students Helping Honduras. The goal is to build 71 new houses so that each family in the coastal town, which was devastated in 1998 by Hurricane Mitch, can live in a safe, dry home. Students Helping Honduras also wants to provide the village with electricity, a water purification system, and decent toilets.

"At the end of the day, you're not going to save the whole world," Shin said. "But what I can do is at least do my best to help what's in front of me."

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

Cosmo Fujiyama, a senior at William and Mary, joined her brother, Shin, in the effort to make life better for the Honduran children.

He has put the plight of these Honduran refugees at the forefront of his life – and on the radar screens of countless others in the UMW community. Passionate about this cause, Shin engages in few other activities, save his beloved soccer.

"I don't have time for a girlfriend," he joked.

The preoccupation began several years ago, when Shin signed up to go on a Honduran mission trip with the UMW group Campus Christian Community. Overwhelmed by the dire conditions he saw, Shin was especially moved by the impoverished children, many of whom were homeless and none of whom were educated.

Shortly thereafter, Shin enrolled in a UMW economics class that functioned like a charitable foundation. The objective of the class was to award money to a noprofit organization. The money was provided by Fredericksburg resident Doris Buffett, founder of the Sunshine Lady Foundation.

Using the skills he learned in his economics class and the connection with Buffett, Shin transformed his desire to help Honduran children into action. First, he changed Students Helping Honduras, originally a campus club, into a 501(c)3.

"I advised Shin to set up a nonprofit organization so people donating could deduct it from their taxes," said Greg Stanton, UMW James Farmer professor in human rights. "It's a definite incentive for people to give."

By spring 2006, Shin already had made significant inroads in Siete de Abril, including helping build a school. To show their appreciation, the people there gave it a special name: the Shin Fujiyama School of Hope.

But Shin wanted to do more. Back in Fredericksburg, he organized a community-wide walk-a-thon to raise money, and he doubled the impact by getting the Sunshine Lady Foundation to agree to match the event proceeds. With the match, the 2006 walk-a-thon raised a whopping $148,000.

This spring, Buffett offered Shin another challenge: raise $100,000 and she would double it. But only if that amount were raised.

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

One of Fujiyama's first efforts in Honduras was to help save the foundering Copprome Orphanage. With the help of the Sunshine Lady Foundation and Students Helping Honduras, the orphanage's debt was paid and these children have a new dormitory in which to sleep.

A big boost came in late March when Students Helping Honduras won $20,000 in a national fund-raising contest. GrabLife GiveLife, created by college students and supported by Dodge, is an online competition involving charitable events on college campuses throughout the country. The first event that garnered 20,000 online student votes – cast through the GrabLife GiveLife website – would receive a $20,000 check from Dodge.

Students Helping Honduras was the clear-cut winner.

Shin was confident the group could raise the remaining $100,000, and he was right. An April 2007 walk-a-thon on campus drew students from universities across Virginia, Fredericksburg-area residents, and Buffett, who walked the first one-mile lap with Shin. By the end of the day, Students Helping Honduras had taken in $110,000, more than enough to qualify for the Sunshine Lady Foundation matching grant.

And money continues to come in. Shin's goal of providing new homes for more than 70 families is within reach.

Others might not have had the courage to face such a goal, but Shin is accustomed to dreaming big, and to overcoming obstacles.

> **At the end of the day, you're not going to save the whole world. But what I can do is at least do my best to help what's in front of me.**
>
> – *Shin Fujiyama*

The second of four children, Shin was born in Japan, but moved shortly thereafter to the United States, settling in the Northern Virginia suburb of Falls Church. At age 4, he was diagnosed with a rare heart problem called ventricular septal defect. He had a hole in the wall between the heart's left and right ventricles. This prevented him from playing sports.

"I vaguely remember being in the hospital, them sticking me with needles and wires. I had no idea what was happening," Shin said.

Within several years, the hole in his heart closed naturally, and Shin was soon out on the soccer field. "I was probably the worst player out there when I started," he said.

That changed. Shin, nearly always the smallest player on the pitch, trained rigorously. By his senior year of high school, he was captain of his

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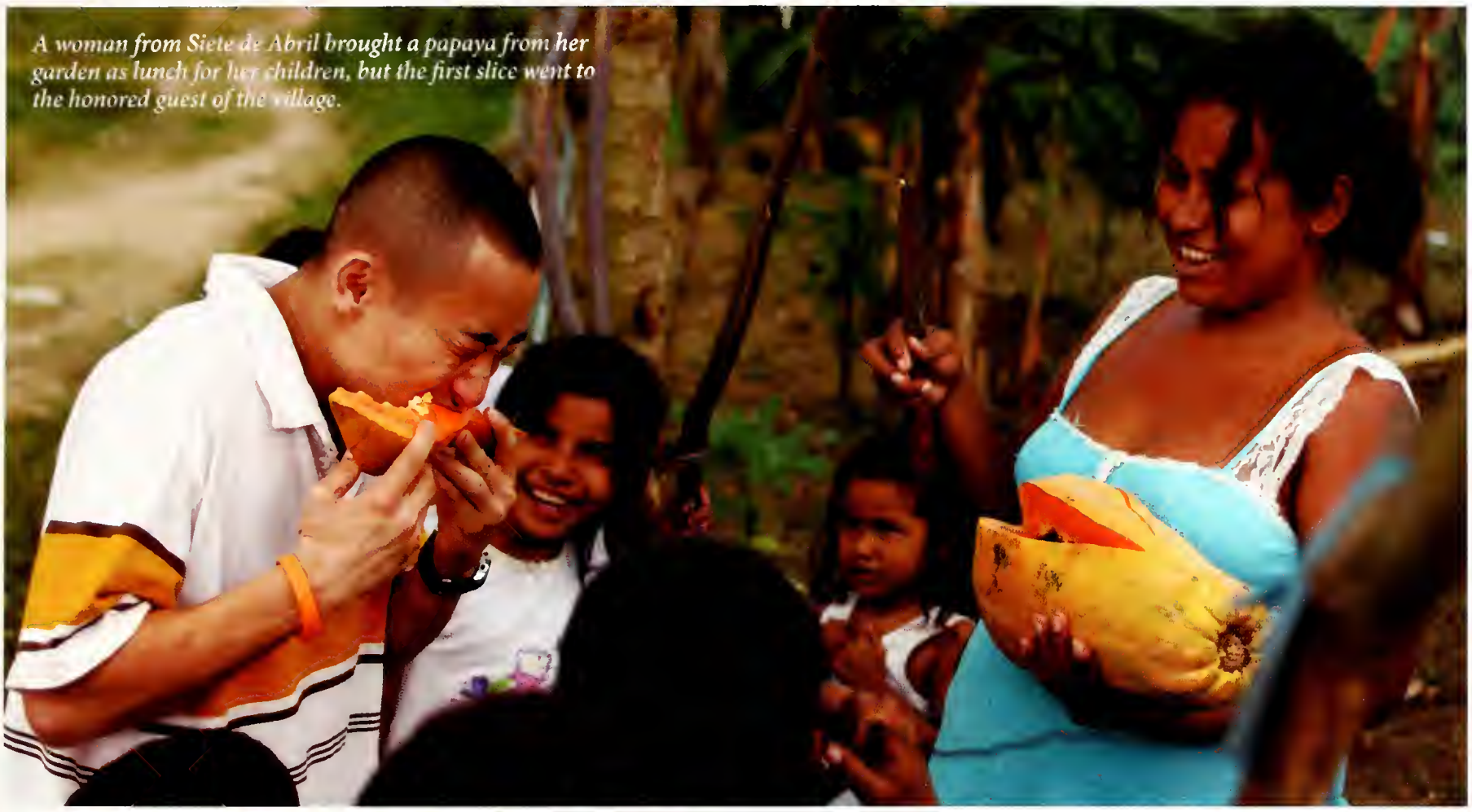

A woman from Siete de Abril brought a papaya from her garden as lunch for her children, but the first slice went to the honored guest of the village.

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

The 90 volunteers from UMW, UMW Campus Christian Community, and universities around the state, some of whom are shown here, have built 23 roofs, a school, a public bathroom, and a dormitory.

school's varsity soccer team and its most valuable player. He now is the president of UMW's club soccer organization.

A heart condition was not Shin's only health obstacle. At age 2, he developed severe eczema, an inflammation of the skin, most often occurring on the face.

"It looked like I had poison ivy all the time," Shin said. "Girls did not want to talk to me."

Occasionally, the pain was so severe that he could barely open his eyes or smile.

Yet, Shin counts this problem, which has also cleared up naturally with age, as a blessing. Dealing with ostracism at such a young age allowed him to understand life as an outsider.

Although he was accepted at UMW when he was in high school, Shin decided to delay enrollment. "I didn't want to go to college right away. But I did want to play soccer," Shin said. "When you think of soccer, you think of Brazil."

In the summer of 2001, Shin traveled there alone and rented an apartment in Rio de Janeiro. His parents were supportive of the trip.

"They wanted me to develop my character by having me live alone in a foreign country," Shin said.

Shin mingled with the locals and played soccer nearly every day. After playing a four-hour pickup game one night, a famished Shin hurried to a bakery to grab something to eat. With just a few coins in his pocket, he could afford only one small loaf of bread. As Shin was leaving the bakery, his eyes met those of a young boy who appeared to be homeless. Shin gave him the bread, and the boy replied with an enthusiastic "obrigado" –"thank you" in Portuguese.

"Just seeing him being filled up, it filled up my heart," Shin said. "It meant more to me than eating that bread. I wasn't hungry anymore."

And a seed was planted.

In the fall of 2002, Shin began his freshman year at UMW. He played on the school's varsity soccer team and became involved in the Human Rights Club. The summer after freshman year, he went back to Brazil, witnessing the same poverty he had seen a year before. During that trip, Shin had an epiphany: somehow, he would help the people of Latin America.

At the beginning of his junior year, Shin saw a flyer on campus advertising a mission trip organized by the Campus Christian Community. Although not previously involved with the CCC, Shin signed up. The focus of the trip was outreach to homeless and abused women and children.

"Shin was so taken with the kids that first time," said Bob Azzarito, CCC's campus minister and a chaperone on the trip.

On the return flight, Shin sat next to Henry Osburn, a philanthropist and business owner from Milwaukee. He told Shin about his effort to help a failing orphanage called Copprome in El Progreso. Osburn needed a translator. Learning that Shin was fluent in Spanish, Osburn

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Shin found a special friend in Carmen, shown here and below, a youngster from the village of Siete de Abril. The last time Shin prepared to leave Honduras (above and right), Carmen gave him a handwritten letter thanking him for his work in the village, though money had run out before her family got the new home she had hoped for. Moved to tears, Shin promised Carmen that he'd return to build her house and homes for 70 other families in the village. A group of 15 volunteers plans to return in late May to begin construction.

offered an all-expense paid trip to Copprome that spring.

"I brushed off my mother's fear that this guy would kidnap me or sell me into slavery," Shin said. "I wanted to see this Copprome place, and it did not matter that a complete stranger would take me there. I was determined to plant my foot in Honduras and make a difference."

Shin's decision to return was worth it. When Osburn showed him the financially-strapped orphanage, it was a turning point for the UMW student. Founded in 1982, Copprome is run by nuns and other Hondruan natives. It houses 70 orphans between the ages of 4 and 18. Many have been exposed to prostitution, drugs, and all forms of abuse. Most children were abandoned by their parents, while other children witnessed their parents' deaths, usually from starvation or drug use, Shin said.

Already malnourished, the orphans of Copprome have a slim chance of breaking out of the poverty cycle in Honduras, which is generally considered the poorest country in Central America. This became clear to Shin, who saw children bloated and discolored because of the parasites that infect their famished bodies.

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

Returning to the UMW campus, Shin could not get Copprome out of his mind. He immediately started thinking of ways to help the orphans. He knew his job as a dishwasher at Seacobeck would not help him raise money. So, each day for more than a month, he sat outside the Eagle's Nest collecting change and talking to people about the plight of the Copprome orphans.

Nick Winborne, a junior philosophy major, paid attention.

"Shin showed me pictures [of the children at Copprome], but it's such a different experience first hand," said Winborne, who immediately got involved and accompanied Fujiyama to Honduras in December of 2005.

Winborne is now a committee member for Students Helping Honduras.

Another person who paid attention was Shin's sister, Cosmo. She, too, first accompanied him to Honduras in 2005. After journeying to Nicaragua the year before, Cosmo, like her brother, had a strong desire to return to Latin America.

Witnessing such poverty, she said, "leaves you with a heartbroken curiosity."

Spending lots of time together helping the children created a close bond between the siblings, even though they fought for attention when they were younger.

"I feel so much of a partner with him on this," Cosmo said. "We are on the same wave length and have the same philosophy."

It's a mystery what motivates Shin and his sister. But those who know him have several theories.

"Shin is pure of heart. He didn't grow up in a church. No one told him he was supposed to do this, that this is what good people do." Azzarito said. "This comes from his heart. His response to the kids is untarnished."

Prof. Greg Stanton's assessment is this: "Shin Fujiyama is a force. Packed into his compact physical frame is spiritual nuclear energy."

Stanton added, "A person dedicated to justice, which is the purpose of Shin Fujiyama's life, is a force that will move mountains."

Shin may not be moving mountains, but he is saving lives.

In the summer of 2005, he returned to Honduras, this time not only assisting the orphanage, but also getting to know the locals in the nearby village of Siete de Abril.

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>
> – *Greg Stanton*

"The word 'poverty' is not enough to describe its condition," Shin said of Siete de Abril. "Its people live off food they find digging through trash, and sleep in shacks made of cardboard and tin."

In order to provide some sort of consistent food supply, Shin helped the villagers plant a vegetable garden and establish an underground piping system that brought in running water.

Shin soon learned, however, that the water from the nearby river was highly polluted. Deciding to take the matter in his own hands, Shin spent last year's spring break attending a week-long program in Mississippi on engineering and water purification. What he learned will help him build the people of Siete de Abril a safe and healthy water system.

HONDURAS

"That is what I have learned at Mary Washington," Shin said. "Problem solving. It's all about finding ways to solve a problem and doing them."

In fact, a desire to help solve the children's medical problems led Shin to add the pre-med major. After seeing many orphans suffer from illnesses that could have easily been prevented with proper medicine, Shin began taking chemistry and biology classes.

He remembers one time when 13-year-old Merlin was having a seizure. While Merlin foamed at the mouth, Shin had to hold him down, simultaneously calming the other children. The orphanage had not been able to afford medicine for Merlin's attacks, which resulted in the terrifying experience.

"The kids can't get medicine; they have to sleep on the floor because there are no mattresses and no fans. With no circulating air, it's cooler to sleep on the floor," Shin said.

He added, "I actually don't really like studying science – it's the results from studying it that I like."

Shin is results-oriented. When he decided to film the hardships of the Honduran children, Shin didn't know the first thing about using a video camera. But he soon learned, and has made two documentaries since then.

His most recent film features Carmen, the 10-year-old whom Shin counts among his dearest friends. With the suffering she endures on a daily basis, it is hard to understand Carmen's joyfulness.

"Carmen is a leader. She's very special," Shin said. "She told me: 'Shin, I've got this dream. This one wish that one day all of my friends in my village are gonna have a real home.'"

Shin, who will postpone his enrollment in medical school for this effort, said he was willing to do whatever it takes to make Carmen's dream come true. He spoke to countless schools and groups about his cause, approached UMW administrators and faculty for support, and even emailed countless friends personally to remind them to come out for the April walk-a-thon. He and a group of volunteers leave in late May to start construction of 71 homes – one for Carmen's family and one for each of the other families in the village.

"The ultimate goal is to let the people in Honduras be self-sustainable," Shin said. "We're not here to put BAND-AIDs and Scotch tape on the wounds; we are changing things for the long run.

"Doris Buffett taught me that," he added. "She says, 'we don't want to be giving hand-outs, we want to be giving hand-ups.'"

Shin isn't certain how long that will take, but he does plan to devote the next year of his life to his friends in Honduras.

In fact, after his May 12 graduation, the next stop is Siete de Abril. "I made a promise to Carmen that I would not do anything until I gave her a home," Shin said.

Not only has he changed the direction of *his* life, Shin has changed the direction of other students' lives as well.

"I've gained so much perspective and think in terms of others now," said junior Anna Lowell, a chairperson for Students Helping Honduras who accompanied Shin on a trip to the country for the first time last spring. "He inspires me to realize how much potential I have, and to get up and raise money for other issues."

"He's got the biggest heart of anyone I know," said Nick Winborne.

So far, Shin has motivated more than 75 other college students to accompany him on trips to Honduras. "School is not just about cultivating our minds, it's about cultivating our hearts," he said. "When we study things in school, we need to go out and actually see them."

Other colleges are getting involved, too. In addition to Mary Washington and William and Mary, Students Helping Honduras has chapters at Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia.

Shin is leaving a lofty legacy.

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

After Students Helping Honduras saved the Copprome Orphanage, the children used their talents to show their gratitude.

"I've always wanted to be a hero, and I'm a hero to these kids," Shin said. "But you know what? Anyone can do it."

Shin believes that life-changing opportunities come once – maybe twice – into each person's life. He already has been given one, he said: the opportunity to study at the University of Mary Washington. And he refuses to waste the second.

"Three years ago, nobody in Honduras knew about me or UMW," Shin said. "Now, I've got kids there who believe in me and this school."

The children of Copprome have a special affection for Fujiyama, and for his alma mater.

Courtesy of Students Helping Honduras

COUNTDOWN to CENTENNIAL

William B. Crawley, Jr., historian of the University of Mary Washington and distinguished professor of history, is writing a history of the institution's first 100 years. The book will be published in conjunction with the 2008 Centennial Celebration. Between now and then, UMW TODAY *will publish excerpts from the book. This issue's excerpt is about the effect of the Vietnam War on the Mary Washington campus.*

PROTEST!

At no time in the history of Mary Washington did the behavior of its student body change so significantly or so abruptly as at the end of the 1960s, as students moved from purely insular concerns toward involvement in a variety of political and social issues beyond the campus. With stunning speed, the blasé attitudes of the past vanished, as disinterest turned dramatically to activism. The primary catalyst at Mary Washington, as on campuses across the country, was the Vietnam War.

At a college that lacked male students until the 1970s, and that did not have such antiwar irritants as ROTC units or government-military research contracts, concern about the war might have been expected to be less than at larger coeducational research institutions. Yet, there were several factors that led to unusual intensity of interest in the Vietnam conflict among MWC students. For one thing, many students came from Northern Virginia – an area that had extensive governmental ties, either political or military – and were thus reared in an environment of heightened sensitivity to issues of foreign involvement; a significant number came from families who were either in the military or were civil servants.

More important, again as a function of the college's location, there was the U.S. Marine Corps connection. Located only 20 miles from Quantico, Mary Washington with its more than 2,000 female students was an alluring source of dates for the young officers being trained there. In the 1960s particularly, formal social events on campus were notable for the grandeur of the young men in their spiffy dress uniforms. On a weekly basis it was the Marines who supplied many of the dates for Mary Washington girls, leading to relationships that often eventuated in engagements and ultimately marriage.

But the Vietnam War cast a pall over this felicitous arrangement – sometimes in an all-too-literal sense. This was because, in a war in which the Marines played an extensive combat role, the young officers who were often in the forefront of battles were the very men who had trained at Quantico. As the conflict became protracted, and the casualty lists mounted, the grim reality of it too often came home to Mary Washington in a personal way, as word arrived that boyfriends or fiancés had been wounded, or worse.

The president of the class of 1968, Pamela Tompkins Huggins, poignantly recalled, more than 30 years later, the trauma of those days:

Even girls who didn't date or become seriously involved with a Marine could not escape the very personal toll that time exacted from all of us....It became an ever-present cloud on our minds and hearts. In those days, we didn't have cell phones or personal lines in the rooms, so we all shared hall phones. One of my most vivid memories of my senior year is sitting around gabbing in one of our rooms at night and upon hearing the phone ring down the hall, we would all sort of freeze and stare at each other. Calls at odd hours were rarely good news. I particularly remember one time after we had had several very bad-news calls, when the phone rang, one of the girls jumped up and said, "Let me answer it. I don't think anyone I really love is over there right now."

So it was that the war, to many Mary Washington students, was not an abstraction. And when they began to protest against it, their actions often came not just from an ideological position, but from anguished personal experience.

At Mary Washington, as on most American campuses, opposition to the war developed gradually. In the early stages, most MWC students supported the war, apparently accepting the prevailing notion that it was a necessary measure in defense of American ideals against the perils of communist encroachment.

Then there was the personal aspect. As one student recalled, "So many women were dating Marines that just about every dorm room had a map of Vietnam. We had luaus for the girls who were going to Hawaii to meet their boyfriends for R & R....We weren't necessarily pro-war. But we were pro-Marines." Or, as another remembered the era, "I wouldn't say we were 'hawks,' but most of us didn't relate to the hippy protesters or draft dodgers, as we were raised to be 'patriotic' and

desperately wanted to believe that all of this loss was for a higher cause."

Yet, signs of increasing concern about the war began to appear, including a protest against campus recruiters from Dow Chemical, the manufacturer of napalm, who were exhorted by students to "Make Saran Wrap, Not War." Threatened protests against area visits by the director of the Selective Service, General Lewis Hershey, and by First Lady Pat Nixon were cancelled in order to preclude potentially ugly confrontations.

By the fall of 1969, student opposition to the war nationwide resulted in a call for a Vietnam Moratorium that would include cancellation of all classes on Wednesday, Oct. 15. In light of Virginia Gov. Mills Godwin's declaration that he would not allow such disruptions at state-supported schools, the MWC administration declined to cancel classes officially, but around campus there was considerable evidence of antiwar sentiment. A letter to the editor of *The Bullet*, for example, was signed by 28 faculty members who endorsed the objectives of the Moratorium and urged "the college community to observe the day in an appropriate manner."

The Bullet itself suggested what that "appropriate manner" might be. The Moratorium, it counseled, should be "a very peaceful affair," advising,

We can all wear black armbands to class. Or, if black armbands have an unsavory connotation, there are neat little blue badges to display in place of fraternity pins. We don't have to picket or rally in the streets or face National Guard bayonets. We don't have to say anything. Our parents will never know. We can just appear en masse on Wednesday with our little blue badges....We will all be a part of the grand coalition of students for peace, a faith-restoring example of participatory democracy in action.

The response included, besides the wearing of badges and armbands, a faculty panel discussion in the afternoon and a candlelight service that evening in Ball Circle, replete with poetry readings and songs for peace. Participation in the protest, even in so benign a fashion, was unprecedented at Mary Washington; yet that activism proved to be but a prelude to the antiwar tumult that swept the campus the following spring. The flashpoint was the May 4th killing by Ohio National Guardsmen of four Kent State University students who had been protesting President Richard Nixon's expansion of the war into Cambodia.

It is certain that Mary Washington College had never witnessed anything remotely like the May antiwar protest that followed. Events occurred so rapidly and on so many fronts that *The Bullet* resorted to printing mimeographed "special editions" in an effort to keep students apprised of developments.

The organization of the protest efforts began with two meetings of the student body on May 4 – the first, attended by an estimated 250 students and faculty in Lee Ballroom at 9 p.m., and the second, held in Ball Circle at 11 p.m., with approximately twice that many present. Out of these meetings a Strike Committee was formed, headed by senior Susan Randolph, with student coordinators assigned to handle various areas including community relations,

This 1971 Battlefield photograph captioned, "Prelude to consciousness - a campaign, a war, a cause ...," juxtaposes the student body's desire for peace with the continuing Vietnam War.

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picketing, fund raising, and legal matters.

As at many other colleges, there was a movement to have students in essence "shut down" the institution by boycotting classes. Urging the crowd in Ball Circle to consider such a tactic, Strike Chairman Randolph put the matter forcefully: "This is your chance. I'm not telling you to boycott classes – that's up to you. But....if we all sit in the dorms on our little fannies we won't accomplish a goddamn thing."

Though, as it turned out, there was no general strike, the normal campus routine was disrupted during the first weeks of May by an extraordinary variety of activities related to antiwar efforts: a memorial service for the Kent State students was held on Ball Circle, professors frequently devoted their classes to discussion of the Vietnam War, and several faculty forums addressed the East Asian situation.

A number of prominent antiwar activists spoke on campus, among them Arthur Waskow, author of *From Race Riots to Sit-Ins*. Speaking to a capacity crowd in Lee Ballroom, Waskow declared, "We are now at a crossroads in human history....This is going to be a turning point for the future of the world. We must turn back from the road of self-destruction." A bloodbath could be averted, he said, "if millions of us are together and [are] clear about what we want."

Addressing the same audience, religion professor Burton Cooper, one of the most outspoken faculty members on the issue, sounded a similarly apocalyptic note. Asserting that the solution to the current crisis was creation of a society based on principles of human love, Cooper proclaimed, to a standing ovation, that "we had better start loving, or – to quote James Baldwin– there will be a 'fire next time.' "

A group of students traveled to Charlottesville to participate in antiwar activities at the University of Virginia, whose grounds were also seething with protest. A particular attraction was the appearance by two high-profile activists, William Kunstler, a longtime radical gadfly; and Jerry Rubin, who had gained notoriety as one of the "Chicago Seven." To a tumultuous University Hall crowd, estimated at 7,000, Kunstler declared: "Every institution that can be shut down must be shut down. [Our] fists have to be clenched and in the air, and if we ever have the power to open them again," he warned, "I hope it is in friendship and not around the trigger of a rifle."

Among MWC students, the peace movement culminated with a march to Washington D.C., to participate in a massive demonstration on the weekend following the Kent State incident. Aided by donations collected at a special amphitheatre concert, approximately 80 students left campus at 8 a.m. Friday to begin their trek up U.S. 1. As described by the local newspaper, the group departed with "bed rolls strapped to their backs, wearing what has come to be the regulation attire of the antiwar advocates – jeans, Army fatigue jackets, hats or bandanas, and heavy walking shoes," and carrying with them such items as bug spray, suntan lotion, BAND-AIDs, and blister medication.

Declining offers of transportation along the way, most continued mainly on foot, arriving by evening at the Alexandria home of a movement sympathizer who invited the Mary Washington entourage to spend the night on her lawn. Early the next morning, the polite protesters, having taken care to clean up all their litter, decamped for Memorial Bridge, where they were joined by other students and faculty, bringing the MWC contingent to approximately 150. From there they walked in a group to the Ellipse, where they joined other demonstrators from colleges across the country. Most stayed until late afternoon before returning to Fredericksburg. The Washington march was the last notable antiwar activity by MWC students.

In retrospect, the period of antiwar protest appears as a tableau of academe in a troubled time: students – many of them acting from a heartfelt desire to end a war they believed unjust and immoral; others acting from the mere impetuosity of youth, motivated by no compelling ideology – confronting an establishment that had never witnessed, and could not fathom, student behavior so aggressive, so confrontational, so....rude. For a while, the worst on each side was on display.

With the end of the semester, the celebration of commencement, and the coming of summer vacation, emotions cooled. When classes resumed in the fall of 1970, student life on campus had returned more or less to normal. But not quite. A residue of unrest remained, continuing – however subtly – to influence the ambience of the campus. From time to time, antiwar protests of varying types and sizes emerged, and *The Bullet* persisted in its opposition. "Sooner or later, the United States is going to lose this war," the paper declared in April 1971. "There is no longer a question of victory....There is no reason why American troops must continue to be killed and wounded while the nation continues to play a foolish and deadly waiting game."

As it turned out, the antiwar movement had crested with the demonstration in May of 1970. But things would not quite be the same again. Although complex factors were at work – not just the antiwar protests – any effort to explain the evolution of the college cannot ignore those turbulent spring weeks. May days of a very different kind indeed. ■

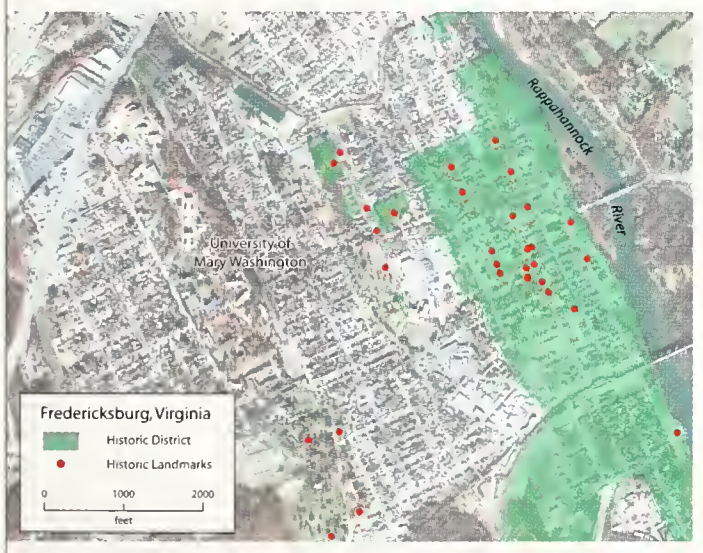
UMW puts GIS on the map

By Stephen Hanna and Gail Brooks

Log on to MapQuest to find out how to get from here to there. Or analyze downtown Atlanta using Google Earth. You are taking advantage of a Geographic Information Systems, or GIS.

In part, GIS can be described as an integrated hardware, software, and database system capable of capturing, storing, analyzing, and displaying geographical information. The system is not complete, however, without the highly-trained specialists who design and use GIS to monitor environmental change, plan for future development, manage assets, and improve emergency preparedness.

For years, UMW faculty in the geography and the environmental science and geology departments have taught geographic information system courses to undergraduates on the Fredericksburg campus. But now the large and growing need of local governments, area businesses, and the military for professionals with GIS training has served as a catalyst for both campuses to forge a partnership to expand GIS offerings.



This GIS map shows the UMW campus as well as historic sites in Fredericksburg.

GIS technology can be used in everything from scientific investigations to marketing, from resource management to criminology, from urban planning to environmental impact assessment. So it's not surprising that the multidisciplinary nature of GIS permits the development of content and applications across many fields of study, providing opportunities for faculty on both campuses to collaborate. Faculty in disciplines as disparate as historic preservation and information systems, or business administration and geology, are queuing up to engage in curricular planning for the GIS program.

Last fall, four faculty members – Stephen Hanna (Geography), Grant Woodwell (Earth and Environmental Science), Gail Brooks (Computer Information Systems), and Gary Stanton (Historic Preservation) – developed a proposal to create a new GIS certificate program and sought permission to hire a full-time GIS specialist to take the lead in developing the curriculum and to teach GIS courses on both campuses. These efforts have received the administration's enthusiastic support. In addition to providing the initial faculty line, Deans Meta Braymer and Rosemary Barra have ensured the availability of funds necessary to launch the program.

A national search for the GIS specialist resulted in the hiring of Brian Rizzo (see sidebar). Rizzo brings decades of experience in developing and utilizing GIS within a wide array of business and environmental applications. His expertise will ensure that UMW's GIS certificate program will be rigorous and distinctive. As one of the University's first two-campus instructors, he will teach the inaugural courses within this program at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in fall 2007.

The certificate program, and the integration of GIS within other degree programs, will support the missions of both campuses. Designing the program to serve both professionals and liberal arts students will ensure that all participants not only learn valuable technical skills, but also are able to evaluate geographic data and assess the results of GIS analyses in a broad variety of contexts. The result will be a practical program combining GIS theory with real-world scenarios that will produce graduates ready to succeed in this rapidly expanding field.

The development of a professional certificate program in GIS is one of three projects funded by new joint faculty grants. The other two projects are a post-baccalaureate certificate program in teaching children with autism and development of additional courses for the master of education in secondary mathematics.

One professor, two campuses

Brian Rizzo brings to the University of Mary Washington vast GIS experience in both academic and corporate environments. In addition to teaching at the University of Virginia, the University of Western Ontario, Hollins University, and Southern Illinois University, Rizzo helped found Isosceles Information Solutions, a company focused on the development and delivery of GIS solutions, and served as GIS Division Manager for Infinity Systems Group.

A leading authority on GIS, Rizzo has worked with engineers, planners, and IT professionals and has helped develop and integrate GIS solutions for airports, security companies, municipal governments, and businesses.

Rizzo received his Ph.D. in environmental sciences from U. Va. Before coming to this country for his doctoral work, he was a senior research officer at Environment Canada. There, he helped maintain the Canada Geographic Information System (CGIS), arguably the first operational GIS in the world, and conducted research in the ecological effects of climate change.

"My public- and private-sector experience has taught me that geographic visualization enables more informed decision-making," Rizzo said. "I see GIS becoming an integral part of the business environment."

Rizzo, working with faculty on both the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses, will develop a range of GIS-related courses.

Q&A

Cedric B. Rucker '81

Jerry Hunt

It's routine to see Cedric Rucker, dean of student life, strolling on Campus Walk as he did at the Multicultural Fair in April 1994 (left) and more than a decade later at Commencement in May 2005.

Robert A. Martin

Cedric B. Rucker '81 has spent 22 of his 47 years at Mary Washington – four as an undergraduate and 18 as a staff member who helps undergraduates. Rucker believes his experience as a student here has proven extremely valuable in his job as UMW's Dean of Student Life.

Among the first blacks and, possibly, the first African-American male to live on campus for four years, Rucker said his first day on campus back in 1977 was "shrouded in fog" – literally and figuratively. A sociology major who earned an MA in the same subject at U.Va., Rucker has spent his career trying to help students see their way clearly.

In addition to regularly roaming around campus and serving, arguably, as UMW's No. 1 cheerleader, Rucker teaches a class in American studies.

Q. What do you love most about Mary Washington?

A. The students. They can do a lot of things here they can't do at other places – they're not pigeonholed. There's an opportunity to get involved and grow and nurture so many enterprises. I have exchanges with students all the time...networks are established. I love the collegiality of this place. Also, it's beautiful. With its red brick and columns, it looks like a college should look.

Q. What would you change about Mary Washington?

A. I'd like to see this as a much more representative place. We have to be more representative in order to achieve our objective: prepare students for the world they will inherit. While we're moving in that direction, though, I want to maintain the things that make this such a special place – our commonalities and the ease with which we communicate.

Q. How would you describe yourself?

A. Reflective, thoughtful. I can be found with a smile on my face in just about any situation. I know what it's like to come in as an outsider; it's made me who I am today.

Also, I look for opportunities to restore myself – theater and travel, for instance, or reading a book in my hammock.

Q. What matters most to you?

A. My family.

I was born with a congenital heart condition and had three surgeries by the time I was 12. This life has been a gift to me.

I now have the good fortune to be in a position that supports the development and maturation of others. As an inner-city kid growing up in Richmond's segregated society, I never would have seen myself where I am now. It's almost magical to me.

Q. What motivates you?

A. The notion of leaving a legacy. What are we if we go through life and haven't left something behind?

I still get excited about coming to the office. I like helping people get to the next stage of their lives.

Q. Who inspires you?

A. I have been touched by some amazing people. No. 1 – my mom and my grandmother. On the day before she died, my grandmother gave me two pieces of advice: stop biting your nails and keep studying. I have done both. Also, my Russian teacher in high school, Sally Sartane. She challenged me to be future-oriented, imagine life as it could be. She introduced me to Broadway, the Bolshoi Ballet, the exploration of cultures beyond our borders, and Russian literature. I thought about her when I finally visited the Soviet Union and stood in Red Square.

Of course, I'm also inspired by the students I encounter on a daily basis. They are an inspiration unto themselves.

Q. What books have you read lately?

A. Colonize This!: Young Women Of Color On Today's Feminism. *Also, I read* Anna Karenina *once a year. I love biographies!*

Q. What one thing would people be surprised to learn about you?

A. That I'm an introvert. Also, that I love antiquing, yard sales, and auctions.

By Alumni:

Freedom Bound by Rosalie T. Turner

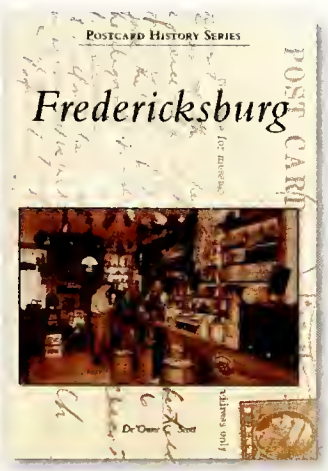
Freedom Bound, a novel by **Rosalie T. Turner '62**, tells the true story of Anna Kingsley, a young royal who was captured during a tribal raid in Senegal. At the age of 13, Anna, then known as Anta Madgigine Jai, was captured and sold to a wealthy planter/trader, Zephaniah Kingsley from Spanish East Florida. By the time they reached his plantation, she was pregnant with their first child. *Freedom Bound* chronicles Anna Kingsley's continuing quest for freedom. Turner addresses the issue of how a woman uses her strength to survive and overcome hardship.

Freedom Bound has received an award from the Florida First Coast Writers Association and has been endorsed by former Mississippi Gov. William Winter. The book was published in November 2006 by Season of Harvest Publications.

– *Gracie Hart '08*

Postcard History Series: Fredericksburg by De'Onne C. Scott

Established in 1728, the city of Fredericksburg was named for Prince Frederick of England. From its humble beginnings as a Colonial port town, Fredericksburg has grown into a modern urban city with a historic district that serves to remind visitors and residents alike of its notable past. In *Postcard History Series: Fredericksburg*, **De'Onne C. Scott '99** makes the city come alive through the use of postcards that show its various landmarks as they once were.



Postcard History Series: Fredericksburg was published in December 2006 by Arcadia Publishing.

– *Gracie Hart '08*

Absolute Power: The Real Lives of Europe's Most Infamous Rulers by C.S. Denton

At a time when monarchies are a thing of the past, it is easy to forget how much power they once wielded. *Absolute Power*, by **Chad Denton '03**, examines the lives of European rulers – from the last king of Rome to Tsar Nicholas II – and the forces that drove them to excesses.

Each figure in the book has been criticized throughout history for unjustly using and abusing power. *Absolute Power* strikes a medium between the historical textbook method of examining history and the entertaining approach. Denton offers interesting biographical details to give new insight into the lives of these demigods.

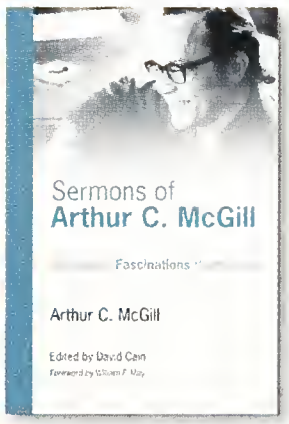
Divided into 75 chapters based on region, *Absolute Power* thoroughly explores the monarchs in an informal, readable style, showing how they became carried away by their status, or in some cases, driven to madness.

Absolute Power was published in July 2006 by Arcturus Foulsham.

– *Gracie Hart '08* and *Erica Mason '07*

By Faculty:

Sermons of Arthur C. McGill by David Cain



In *Sermons of Arthur C. McGill*, the late Harvard professor comes across as both pastoral and prophetic. Seventeen of his sermons have been made available by his wife, Lucille McGill, and edited by David Cain, distinguished professor of religion at UMW.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Arthur McGill had many opportunities to share his theological musings outside of the classroom. These sermons reveal the core themes of McGill's theology as he addresses the issues of possessions, speech, loneliness, and anger.

McGill always lets "the chosen text set the sermon's agenda and determine the emotional terrain it will traverse," said Thomas Breidenthal, dean of religious life at Princeton University. "David Cain has done a great service in making them available to a new audience in a similarly troubled time."

Sermons of Arthur C. McGill was published in January 2007 by Cascade Books.

– *Gracie Hart '08*

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON: MOMENTS IN TIME

Lynda Richardson '81, who has traveled the globe with her camera, has agreed to turn her award-winning photographic eye toward her alma mater. For more than a year, she has chronicled the campus and captured stunning images of its buildings, its people, and its culture. Richardson's best shots will be packaged in a beautiful hard-bound coffee-table book that will be available during Mary Washington's Centennial year.

For nearly 20 years, Richardson has been known for the "beyond the call of duty" effort she puts into each of her photojournalism assignments, and an ability to capture subjects by combining unique perspectives with unusual techniques.

Richardson was included as one of the top female outdoor photographers in *Nature's Best Photography* magazine and continues to prove herself on assignments for *Smithsonian, National Wildlife, The Nature Conservancy*, and many others nationally, as well as internationally.

Stay tuned for information about how to reserve your copy of *Moments in Time*.

Robert A. Martin

Lynda Richardson '81 is most comfortable with a camera in hand.

"Every gift to the University is important, regardless of the size."

– Nanalou West Sauder '56

Board issues a challenge

The **CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE** campaign is heating up. All 12 members of the Board of Visitors have collectively pledged a total of $250,000 to match up to $250,000 in increased gifts from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, and staff to support important new initiatives for UMW students and University programs.

Nanalou West Sauder '56 contributed personal funds toward the challenge gift, and she encourages others to do the same. "I'm not a wealthy person, so I target my charitable giving to organizations and institutions that I think are worthy of my support," she said. "The institution that gets the biggest chunk of my charitable giving is UMW. I like it there, and I like what's happening with initiatives to move the University forward. Every gift to the University is important, regardless of the size."

The **CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE** was launched last summer by Rector J. William Poole and board members Betty Ferguson Foster '69 and Mona Davis Albertine '71.

The money raised will go toward projects on campus with the most immediate need. "These include modifications to our residence halls, updates to the curriculum, exciting ventures to combine both campuses with joint programming and shared faculty, and increased opportunities for our students to participate in international study," Poole said. "We felt it was important for members of the Board of Visitors to offer assistance in these progressive endeavors."

CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE

2005-06 gift	2006-07 gift		CHALLENGE match	Total Impact
$0	$25	+	$25	$50
$50	$100	+	$50	$150

The **CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE** counts *increased* gifts made to the **Fund for Mary Washington** from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. "If a supporter did not contribute to the **Fund for Mary Washington** during the 2005-06 campaign year, but does make a gift now, that entire amount will be matched by the Challenge," Poole explained. "If a supporter did contribute to the Fund last year, and decides to increase the gift amount this year, the Challenge will match dollar-for-dollar the amount of that increase."

For more information about the **CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE** or to make a gift, visit the UMW Foundation website at www.umw.edu/gift or call 540/654-1024.

– Donna Harter Raab, Director of Alumni and Development Communications

Karen Pearlman

Members of the UMW Board of Visitors have pledged $250,000 to the CHALLENGE. Front: Mona Davis Albertine '71, Nanalou West Sauder '56, Rector J. William Poole, Patricia Branstetter Revere '63; back: Benjamin W. Hernandez '95, Xavier R. Richardson, Martha Kearns Leighty '75, Elizabeth Ferguson Foster '69, C. Maureen Stinger '94, Fred D. Thompson Jr. Not pictured: Randall R. Eley, Daniel K. Steen '84

Alumnus fired up by stint on *The Apprentice*

Aaron Altscher peddled bus tours in Hollywood, dished up bowls of chicken at an L.A. fast food restaurant, and filled jars of honey on an assembly line – all in hopes of landing a dream job as an apprentice for billionaire tycoon Donald Trump.

Instead, this Mary Washington alumnus endured the third-degree from the flamboyant real estate mogul and heard Trump's famous refrain: "You're fired."

Altscher '03, MBA '06, who was selected to appear in this season's NBC reality TV show *The Apprentice*, has no regrets about getting the ax in front millions of television viewers.

"It wasn't as profound as it seemed," said Altscher, 25, who lives in Ellicott City, Md. "I'm a pretty low-key guy. I believe business decisions and emotional decisions should be kept separate. Donald Trump likes to make emotional business decisions. In the business world, you ask objective questions and make decisions based on facts."

Altscher treasures the experience, which he said has recast his career.

"First and foremost, I learned a lot about myself," said Altsher, who was one of 18 professionals competing in the show, based for the first time in Los Angeles, instead of New York. "I worked with a great network of people with diverse backgrounds, and I met with Fortune 500 CEOs."

And The Donald?

"He's a down-to-earth guy," Altscher said. "His kids are extremely normal, especially Ivanka, who is very intelligent and well spoken."

The competition pitted two teams of contestants in assignments that ranged from running a car wash to designing bathing suits. As one of the perks, the winning team stayed in Trump's multi-million dollar mansion in Beverly Hills. Losers pitched a tent in the backyard.

Altscher spent several weeks camping out before celebrating wins in the mansion.

"The tents weren't as bad as they appeared," he said. "We were

camping Trump-style. We had plenty of food, built a bonfire, and told stories. It was more fun camping. When people are comfortable, they don't challenge themselves. We bonded over the camping experience."

Altscher's favorite challenge ultimately led to his demise on the show. The mission required the teams to harvest, bottle, and market Sue Bee Honey.

"We had eight of the smartest young professionals in the country in hairnets and gloves trying to run a production line," said Altscher. "The bottle caps weren't going on right and honey squirted all over the place. The folks at the bottling plant, who run the assembly line, kept cracking up at us. It was a lot of fun."

Altscher is a natural contender. While at Mary Washington, he maintained a 3.6 grade point average and earned All-Conference, All-State, and All-Region NCAA baseball honors. He served as senior captain of the baseball team at Mary Washington and also toured internationally while competing on the USA International Baseball Team.

Altscher

On the show, he relied heavily on the business skills that he polished at Mary Washington. His MBA concentration in project management helped him earn wins on two of three challenges while he served as project manager.

"In business strategy class, we talked a lot about businesses needing to adapt to current market trends," Altscher said. "I felt extremely prepared for each task."

And he held his own against Harvard graduates, an Olympian, and half a dozen attorneys.

"Mary Washington, with its liberal arts education, provides such a diverse background," Altsher said. "I was exposed to classes that I wouldn't have been able to take if I had gone to business school. The University's across-the-curriculum courses proved very valuable."

Before *The Apprentice*, Altscher worked for a Fortune 150 homebuilder and as a sales and marketing associate for a real estate developer selling high-end luxury homes.

With the "you're fired" behind him, Altscher is stepping out on his own.

He's writing a book on how to successfully bridge the gap between college and a career. He's also teaming up with fellow *Apprentice* contender James Sun to launch a TV production company that provides business talk shows for the Internet.

"I got to act as adviser to Donald Trump. I led a wonderful team and enjoyed two wins. I put myself out there to take a risk," Altscher said. "Those are the memories I'll never forget."

– Marty Morrison

Andrew Napier '07, far left, poses with his family: Katherine '78, Ronald '77, Mary Katherine '11, and Will (Goucher College '10).

UMW – A FAMILY AFFAIR

Katherine and **Ronald Napier** experienced a bit of *déjà vu* as they watched their son, Andrew, receive his diploma at the University's 2007 Commencement. They walked across the same stage on Ball Circle decades ago.

The younger Napier is among the first double legacy graduates at UMW. Men were not allowed to enroll at Mary Washington until 1972; consequently, few marriage matches were made until the mid-70s. Ronald '77 and Katherine '78 met during their undergraduate days, and subsequently married. The Napiers now live in Front Royal, Va.

Ronald is a juvenile and domestic relations judge in the 26th Judicial District, and Katherine is vice president of business development for Thermo Fisher Scientific.

"We are so happy for Andrew," said Katherine. "We love UMW. We get that same wonderful feeling whenever we walk on campus."

So does Andrew. The Napiers' three children routinely accompanied their parents to class reunions, and Andrew grew to love the campus. On a visit during his senior year in high school, Andrew realized he had found the right academic match.

"I looked at the theater department and was very impressed," said Andrew, a theater major. "I liked the downtown atmosphere and the fact that Fredericksburg was unlike a typical college town."

His parents' alma mater has lived up to his expectations. UMW has prepared him well for life after college, he said. Andrew sharpened his leadership abilities as chair of Studio 115, the student-run theater. He honed indispensable people skills while working in the theater's box office and assisting the admission's office. He was a regular at campus theater productions, often working behind the scenes designing the set.

The Napiers will maintain their UMW dynasty for four more years. Andrew's younger sister, Mary Katherine, will begin her freshman year at the University this fall.

– Marty Morrison

OTHER ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Lincoln Center Institute for the Arts in Education paid tribute to **Susan Lacy '70** at its 31st Annual Gala benefit in February. Lacy is creator and executive producer of the award-winning Public Broadcasting Series *American Masters*.

She was honored for her longstanding contribution to highlighting the work of American artists. Lacy has been responsible for the production and national broadcast of more than 140 documentary films about the country's artistic and cultural giants.

Pamela J. White '74 has been appointed a circuit court judge for Baltimore City, Md. She will fill the seat of a retired judge until November 2008, when she will be up for election to a 15-year term.

White received her law degree from Washington & Lee University. She chairs the Employment Law Group of Ober, Kaler, Grimes, and Shriver in Baltimore. White has distinguished herself in public service, including membership on boards of Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland and the Baltimore City Historical Society. She is a past president of the Maryland State Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of Maryland.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni

FROM: Barbara Burton Micou '69

As you read this, the spring semester is over and we have enjoyed the excitement of Commencement. We look forward to Reunion Weekend. This has been an extremely active year, with Town Meetings and other events attracting alumni and renewing their connections to Mary Washington.

In late January, alumni in the Washington, D.C., area met with current Mary Washington students to share information on careers, job searches, internships, and more at the annual Student-Alumni Career Networking Reception in Arlington. The event drew a large crowd, with alumni sharing their expertise and students answering questions about life on campus.

Receptions and programs in Florida, California, Charlottesville, Virginia Beach, Washington, D.C., Roanoke, Annapolis, Irvington, and Baltimore attracted hundreds of alumni, parents, and friends.

We were delighted to welcome **Dan Wolfe '84** back to Mary Washington in March as this year's Distinguished Graduate-in-Residence. Dan, who is Executive Vice President for Worldwide Creative Operations at Universal Pictures, spent two full days meeting with students and faculty and teaching seven classes, including one at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. Students were thrilled to meet one of our most eminent alumni and appreciated his willingness to share advice and expertise.

I extend a heartfelt invitation to all of you celebrating class reunions to come back to Mary Washington for Reunion Weekend, June 1-3. It's a great opportunity to become reacquainted with this lovely and vibrant campus, and to reconnect with special friends and classmates. We've added children's activities this year, as well as class dinners on Friday and an expanded picnic on Saturday, in addition to our annual celebration banquet Saturday night. It's an incredible time to renew your ties with Mary Washington – I look forward to welcoming you back!

2007 REUNION weekend

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

Celebrate!

Come back to campus for Reunion Weekend, June 1-3, to celebrate with friends and classmates. Reconnect with your alma mater, renew old friendships and make new ones, revisit the places and relationships that made your Mary Washington experience so special.

New activities this year include:

- class dinners in downtown Fredericksburg on Friday evening
- "Eaglets' Nest" activities for children on Saturday – bring your kids!
- an expanded reunion picnic under a huge tent, with music, designated areas for reunion classes, and more

Watch for your registration material in the mail, or visit www.umw.edu/alumni for details.

Alumni turned out in large numbers for a reception and program in April at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C.

Photos by Bill Petros

Calling all Alumni

Return to college, with your child

If you are helping your high school student navigate the college admission maze, your alma mater can help. Plan to attend a special college-admission workshop exclusively for UMW alumni and their sons or daughters. The July event will be led by experts with inside insight – the UMW Office of Admissions.

Workshop topics will include the following:

- How to search for the "right" college
- Understanding the landscape – admission terminology and current trends
- Making yourself stand out in the competition – curriculum, extracurriculars, recommendations
- Standardized testing – what you need to know about the SAT or ACT
- Application essays – the good, the bad, and the ugly
- The insider's view – you make the call as a "member" of the UMW admissions committee

The UMW Family Admission Weekend will be held at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center from Friday, July 27, at 3 p.m. through Saturday, July 28, at 2 p.m. All alumni are welcome, no matter where their children are interested in studying.

Plan to bring your rising high-school senior, junior, or sophomore, and attend the UMW Admission Weekend together. For additional details and registration information, please call the Office of Admissions at 540/654-2000 or 800/468-5614.

Class Notes

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I attended an alumni event last fall at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. Accompanying me was Dr. Beth Harper, former dean at UMW who is now associate vice president of Northern Virginia Community College.

Ann Jones wrote about her high school reunion and her busy life with friends. **Francis Crump** said she still plays violin and is active in many musical groups. **Eva Catafygiotu Topping** received news that University of Michigan has established a Chair of Modern Greek Studies and has requested all of her papers, books, speeches, as well as a four-hour taped interview. All are related to Greek culture and language as well as her own Greek-American life as the daughter of immigrants.

The Class of 1941 can be proud of being in the Top Ten of the 2005-2006 Reunion Class donation rankings. Our class is especially proud of the generosity of **Arabelle Laws Arrington**, who extended a challenge commitment in 1998-1999 and more recently made a $5 million pledge to the University. Do hope that you all read the article about Arabelle, "Unparalled Devotion," in the Summer 2006 *UMW TODAY*.

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Carolyn Hobgood, daughter of **Frances Wills Stevens**, writes that Frances has Alzheimer's and is receiving care in a nursing home. Carolyn visits her mother often and says that if any of her former classmates wish to send her a card or note, they may get her address from the UMW Office of Alumni Relations. Frances was our class agent for many years, and we regret that she is ill.

Janet West Edwards moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond. She enjoys making new friends and being near children and grandchildren. She says, "Wearing my Mary Washington College T-shirt starts many new conversations."

Ruth Bailey Conroy sent a brochure of the Naples Concert Band. This folder includes a color picture of the band – and there's Ruth with her saxophone right in the middle of it! She is rehearsing for summer-in-the-park concerts, and is also rehearsing with the Gulf Coast Big Band, which plays '30s and '40s dance music. Her daughter, son-in-law, and two teenage grandchildren have moved in with her; she is adding on to her house. Ruth still finds time to do crafts at her church.

Frances Rector Steagall writes that she, **Flora Copenhaver Scott,** and **Lee Hall Archer** had a great reunion last August. Frances traveled from Alabama with daughter Susan and her husband, Buster. Lee and husband Hunt came from Johnson City, Tenn., to Chilhowie Va., for the bicentennial of the Methodist church there. On Saturday, they enjoyed a lovely lunch hosted by Flora and some of her family. Frances concludes: "Such a wonderful time of reunion with dear college friends!"

Rita Unruh Chinn lives on her late husband's farm in Hague, Va. Her daughter has a shop, Mary Young's Herbs, on the farm. Rita's son may also be moving back to Virginia. Rita's great-grandchild, Aryana Raven Chinn, appears in the Land's End Catalog for Kids. According to Rita, "Now my job will be to see that this very special child attends Mary Washington!"

Memory moment – Mrs. Bushnell teaching us how to eat soup. The general rules were:

1. Never rest the emptied spoon back inside the bowl; always set it to the side of the serving plate.

2. Never pick up or tilt the bowl.

3. Never slurp.

4. Always sip from the side of the spoon, never from the point.

I'll bet none of us has ever slurped or aimed our spoon in the wrong direction since!

1944

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Nettie Evans Lawrey's most exciting news is that their grandson, Matthew T. Lawrey, is a freshman at UMW having received a scholarship for academics and athletics. He chose Mary Washington without any pressure from grandma and is already working hard with the soccer team. His dad has attended all home and away games, and his mom has been to the UMW campus to see Matt play. Nettie is so proud to tell her classmates that her grandson plays soccer for Mary Washington! Most of us can't even remember having a soccer team! Nettie is still active in the library and her church choir. Their children – Jim, Betty, and Tom – all keep in touch and visit when they can. Granddaughter Megan is a counselor in an elementary school; Gretchen, the tall one, graduated from Campbell University a year ago and works for a research firm; Connor is still in middle school and is doing well. Nettie's son, Tom, is a Broadway show manager. His wife is the producer of *Spamalot*. Nettie has had more than her share of health problems, but she is coping.

Janet West Edwards '43 moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond. She enjoys making new friends and being near children and grandchildren. She says, "Wearing my Mary Washington College T-shirt starts many new conversations."

Anna Austin Roberts Ware wrote last fall to say that she was preparing for cold weather on the farm. She keeps in touch with Libby Roe.

Ruth McDaniel Potts says that she enjoys our class news and always looks forward to receiving the magazine. Unfortunately, Ruth has had health problems, ranging from a broken bone in her foot to cataract surgery in both eyes. She managed to do some fun things including spending a week at Duck, N.C., with most of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also spent a week at a resort in Capon Springs, W. Va., with some of her hiking friends. Although she was unable to hike, she enjoyed the beautiful scenery, time to read, and the stimulating company of old friends.

As your Class Agent, I certainly apologize for my computer problems affecting receipt of your messages to me. Keep your news coming!

In October, we took a trip to Alaska on the Alaskan Harbor Ferry. While we haven't had a wedding in the family for quite a while, our oldest grandson is making plans for a September wedding. I am still playing in the Grafton Band, reading with children at school, driving for Meals on Wheels, providing transportation to medical appointments for Westminster Cares, and singing in the church choir. I had a cataract removed and can't believe how well I can see now – even the tiny print – without my glasses.

1945

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Although our news is sparse, I am thankful for the updates I received. Please remember how much it means to keep in touch with our college friends and classmates. Each contact is like a visit.

Some of us have been blessed enough recently to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversaries. In addition to Jack and me, the couples I am aware of are **Hilda Chrisman Pendleton** and Willard, **Grace Bailey Lindner** and Carl, **Skip Potts Taylor** and Wally, and **Jean Hudson Inskeep**. I am sure there are others who have reached this momentous milestone. Let me know.

Hilda and Willard so enjoyed a Caribbean cruise in honor of Willard's birthday that they planned another one to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Hilda had two great reunions with her Mary Washington roommates. Senior roommate **Ginny Lambert** and her husband stopped for a short visit on their way to Florida. Last summer, freshman roommates **Catherine Husted Perkins '44, Betty Cornett Wasson**, and Hilda met for lunch. Hilda and Willard are proud of their two grandchildren and enjoy watching them grow and mature as they enter young adulthood.

Grace and Carl are amazed at all the old acquaintances from Thomas Jefferson School who now live at their new home, Westminster-Canterbury. Grace and Carl begin each day with swimming and walking, and their interests and activities are varied. They spent the holidays with their sons and families in Smithfield.

Skip and Wally remain involved in church and community activities. Bible study provides inspiration, good fellowship, and interest for Skip.

Christine Brauer Krausse and Spott returned to Richmond after Labor Day, having spent the summer months on the river at Bowler's Wharf. In October, they traveled to Alabama to attend the wedding of their oldest granddaughter. They were also happy to help Chris' sister, **Anna Brauer Oxenham '47**, celebrate her 80th birthday at the Country Club of Virginia, a gala affair from all reports.

Weddings of two grandchildren will be in the near future for **Mary Lou Conover** and Bob. In January, they traveled to San Francisco to attend their granddaughter's wedding. In June, they are off to Dallas for a grandson's wedding. Last summer, to escape the intense heat in California, they spent three weeks in Boise, Idaho, visiting their daughter and celebrating her 50th birthday. Among their exciting trips was a three-week cruise around the Hawaiian islands.

Betsy Shamberger Eggleston had a wonderful vacation last summer at Emerald Island, N.C., with her daughter's family. Four generations were represented. Her 8-month-old great-grandson was the focus of attention the entire week, especially on the beach.

Betsy remembers her freshman year at Mary Washington, living in a large suite with seven other girls in Cornell Hall, off campus. **Mary Boynton Goodloe** has remarried and lives in Colorado Springs, her second home is in Tucson, near her children. **Trude Kramer Larson** lives in Dallas near her son and grandchildren. Another son, very talented and creative in woodwork, lives near Betsy and has helped her with projects in her Doswell farm house. Thanks, Betsy, for sharing news of our friends.

A phone call and later a follow-up letter from **Betty Sharp Seelinger** was a pleasant surprise. Betty and John, married since 1950, live in New Bern, N.C. They have two daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Betty talked about her family reunion at the beach last summer – the week-long gathering included 28 family members, hailing from Japan, Kenya, California, Illinois, New York, Virginia, England, and North Carolina. Some of the in-laws and grandchildren met for the first time. One night, other relatives – including cousins, nieces, and nephews – joined them for dinner, bringing the total family members to 71. Betty and Ann White Leonard, my sophomore roommate who lives in Ashland, keep in close touch.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger spent the Thanksgiving holidays in New York City. It was especially meaningful for Gloria and Rog to return to their native state and stay in the city they visited often before moving south to Texas. Their granddaughter, Lindsey, graduated from Baylor and is now employed in Lubbock, Texas.

Gloria still keeps in touch with one of her freshman roommates, **Fran Barnhart Ryder**. Both were distraught over the death of their third roommate, **Mary Doswell Simpson**. The three, who remained friends, lived in Willard in 1941-42.

As for Jack and me, our days are filled with things to do and appointments to keep. A health problem sent Jack to the hospital for three days in October, but good doctors got him back "on track." He is also receiving a new and promising treatment for macular degeneration. We feel very fortunate and blessed and, as always, look forward to spending time with family and friends.

1946

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Image from Scott Ligon's Escape Velocity

Alumnus draws on creative mindset of hyperactivity

His mother called him "the tornado."

A hyper child with a hyperactive imagination, **Scott Ligon '84** figured he was just . . . well . . . hyper.

But years later when his young son was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder, or ADD, Ligon began to study the condition.

And through his research, Ligon, an artist, recognized himself – a man who couldn't keep track of his keys or pack a suitcase for a road trip but who could create wild digital paintings full of color, texture, and movement.

"It's actually a mindset that facilitates creativity," Ligon said of ADD. "I don't necessarily think it's a disability. I think there are enabling qualities."

Ligon, 45, highlights those qualities in his first animated short film, *Escape Velocity*, a stream-of-consciousness style movie that mimics what he calls "the mindset of ADD."

Since being released last year, the film has been a hit at festivals around the world, winning Best Experimental Film at the USA Film Festival in Dallas, Best Short Documentary at the Port Townsend Film Festival in Washington, and a merit award at Superfest XXVI International Disabilities Film Festival in Berkeley, Calif.

Scott Ligon '84

Viewers with ADD have emailed Ligon to say they were encouraged by the movie, which uses examples from his own life to emphasize the link between ADD and creativity.

"It just started doing really well. It's been all over the place," said Ligon, who was invited to speak about the movie throughout the country. "I had to gradually acquire experience so I could speak with authority."

Ligon, who teaches three art classes at UMW, including an introduction to digital art, sees the film as a natural extension of his "still" artwork. He studied painting at UMW and later as a graduate student at the Hoffberger School of Painting at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

He moved into the digital realm because that's what his commercial clients demanded – and the more he experimented with a computer screen as his canvas, the more he liked it.

"It was fun," he said about giving up the traditional paint brush, "and without thinking about it, I converted."

Ligon uses a digital drawing tablet and a pressure-sensitive stylus to create his paintings. The harder he presses on the tablet, the thicker the lines, much like a paint brush. He's able to mix colors, build up layers and incorporate found objects and photographs in his works, which erupt with frenetic energy.

"I like the idea of combining information from different sources. There are no concrete limits," he said. "You can try variations, experiment with something, and if that doesn't work, you go in a different direction. You can back up and undo."

The final version of *Escape Velocity* combines a playful soundtrack with Ligon's vibrant, abstract artwork.

Ligon, who lives in Spotsylvania with his wife, painter Laura Sherrill Ligon, and their two sons, has already started working on his next film. The 25-minute *Escape Velocity* is being distributed by Shorts International, which has marketed short films to the likes of HBO and Sundance.

"We'll see how things go," he said. "I'm a little fish in a big pond now."

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1947

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I remember when many of us lived in Virginia Hall, the sophomore dorm. Mrs. Bushnell would invite us to come to the living room in our pajamas for cider and cream puffs. We would sing *My Buddy* and *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, two of her favorites.

No one submitted news this time. Please try to send those cards and letters! I look forward to seeing you at our 60th reunion in June.

1948

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As I type in my own email address I am reminded to ask you to send me yours. I would like to be able to contact some of you directly.

At a meeting this week, I saw three of our classmates, **Ann Gregg Woods**, **Lois Saunier Hornsby**, and **Justin Edwards Borland**. The latter two had driven up from Williamsburg to hear the speaker, Lady Astor, discuss English gardening. Ann is now very happy in her retirement-community cottage in Richmond, Lois has just returned from Atlanta, and Justin, retired from email, is very much on the go. Lois' son, Bruce, had just played a sold-out engagement in Richmond, and the publicity concerning his music, new DVD, and performance were stellar.

Carol Byrd Williamson had a dreadful fall this summer while walking her dog. She suffered a severe ankle break which kept her on crutches and other inventive devices for much of July and August, but was beginning to enjoy moving around more freely. She planned to spend Thanksgiving with her son Kevin in Asheville, N.C. **Glenna "Sandy" Graves** bought property in Florida, and, as always, is living life to the fullest and enjoys every opportunity to travel.

Sarah Armstrong Worman's grandson and his bride are in flight school in Pensacola. Sarah hopes to be with the entire family for Christmas in Dayton, Ohio.

We spent Thanksgiving in Philadelphia with my two sons and their families. After the Christmas holiday, we planned to take a trip through the Panama Canal on the *Crystal Symphony*. Living in a retirement community makes it all pretty easy – just shut the door and go. Best wishes to you all.

1949

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Many of our classmates continue their peripatetic pursuits. **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and husband Les left Stone Mountain, Ga., last June for a cruise around New England and down river to Montreal. At the end of September, they drove to Fredericksburg to attend the inauguration of Dr. William Frawley, the seventh president of Mary Washington. Seated at the same table were **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** and husband Fred, and although Jackie saw alumni from other classes, no other Fabulous Forty-Niners were spotted.

Although they often return to their alma mater for special events, neither **Mary Elwang Sharpley** nor **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** was able to attend the inaugural programs. Mary had just had a knee replacement and was undergoing rehab. Meanwhile, Betty had a successful knee replacement and is slated for a second in the near future. For several years, Mary has been happily ensconced at Colonnades, a lovely retirement facility in Charlottesville. One of the many fringe benefits the residents enjoy is being invited to attend social functions at Carr's Hill, home of the U.Va. president. Betty also lives in Charlottesville and plans to join Mary at Colonnades "someday." Mary spends two winter months in the warmth of Delray Beach, Fla., while Betty is known to take off for far-away places to pursue her art, or visit her children and grands. With 2009 just over the horizon, Betty and Mary are giving some thought to our 60th Reunion. They volunteered at our 55th to serve as co-coordinators, and **Barbara Westerman Newlon**, also of Charlottesville, agreed to pitch in as needed.

A few years ago, **Josephine "Jo" Drury Ramsburg** moved from her home outside Berryville, Va., into the town itself, where she finds the "livin' is easy" and she is in close proximity to her bridge-playing friends. She also has a cottage at Shelton Beach, on the Chesapeake Bay. Nearby is the historic little town of Reedville, Va., the original hometown of two classmates, **Mary Jane Armsworthy Barr** and **June Davis McCormick**, as well as four generations of our alumni dating back to the teens and '20s. Most of the founding families no longer occupy the original homes, but the entire area is burgeoning with "come heres," the colloquial terminology for recent and current residents. Betty Gore has joined Jo at her beach house several times, and she finds the area charming.

Also in the Northern Neck, in nearby Kilmarnock, Va., **Dolores "Dee" Ross** had a conflict with the inauguration scheduling and had to regret her invitation. Dee was anticipating her next tour abroad, one organized and arranged by her local bank. Leaving in December, the group planned to fly to Nuremberg, board a ship, and sail up the Danube, stopping for the picturesque Christmas markets at every small town port of call. The 160 passengers planned to observe the traditional St. Nicholas Day on December 6, conclude the eight-day tour at Budapest, and fly home on December 10.

Chelsea Devening '10 was elected freshman class president last year, much to the delight and joy of her proud grandmother, Anna "Andi" Dulany Devening Lyons '49, who served as secretary of her class.

Kate Mayo Schmidt and husband Bill, of Texas, had a busy September, with a trip to visit Bill, Jr. and his wife in Albuquerque, N.M., and on to Helena, Mont., to see Bill's sister. They found snow in Montana and had to borrow sweaters and jackets for both visits. Returning home, they found problems at their farm related to the hot, dry summer. Both wells, reliable for some 40 years, had become undependable and necessitated their connecting to the municipal water system, which was a very costly venture. Kate said they are grateful to now live only 25 miles away from their farm instead of 155, as they were in Houston. Kate said they are well and happy in their new home and truly enjoying their small-town lifestyle. They have joined the local country club, found a church, registered to vote, and still are notifying far-flung friends of their new address. Kate's sister was expected for Thanksgiving and their son and his wife for Christmas, or, as she concluded, "a good way to christen a new home."

In October, **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** and husband George left their retirement condo in Lynchburg to attend an Elderhostel at Davis & Elkins College in West Virginia. For the program, "Traditional Mountain Music and Folklore," the Kellys stayed in the Conference Center at the college and ate in the dining room with the students. Wendy's granddaughter, Katie, began her freshman year at Radford University last fall.

A welcome update from **Gwen Brubaker Connell** in Fort Myers, Fla., reported that her husband, Jack, seemed completely recovered from his traumatic brain surgery earlier in the year, for which they are so thankful. In addition, they were able to have a large family reunion during the summer and to celebrate their 60th anniversary at the same time. Gwen said, all in all, they feel truly blessed. We'll add our thankfulness that no hurricanes threatened our several classmates in the Florida and Gulf Coast areas during 2006.

In the academic year of 1945-46, four fledgling freshmen at Mary Washington came together in the cozy confines of Cornell to form a coalition. They then campaigned for and swept the class offices! Do you remember? The intrepid four were **Sara Bowser**, president; **Barbara Watson**, vice president; **Anna Dulany**, secretary; and **Jo Wilson**, treasurer. Miss Lillie Turman served as the freshman class sponsor. Friendships forged in that first year continue to this day! Now, some 61 years later, another freshman gets her bearings, takes the measure of her classmates, and decides to run for office. Overcoming her male opponent by a healthy margin, **Chelsea Devening '10** was elected as freshman class president, much to her proud grandmother's delight and joy. Of course, Chelsea is **Anna "Andi" Dulany Devening Lyons**' dear granddaughter. And in addition to her charismatic social skills, Chelsea aced her Arabic mid-term exam with a perfect 100!

Andi reports there were so many "For Sale" signs all over Manassas, Va., it looked as though the town had chicken pox! Because of the sagging market, Andi took her house off the market. It was just as well, she reasoned, since her intended retirement complex, The Summit, in Lynchburg, would not have a unit ready for her until spring. Andi feels 2007 may be her year for change, not only of residence but in connecting with fellow alumnae. Another alumna, **Elizabeth Krebs '47**, is already a resident there, enjoys it immensely, plays bridge, and plays the cello in various musical groups. Andi had planned to be settled in her new locale before January, when she would observe a special milestone birthday. Some of us have reached that milestone already; some of us will attain it in coming months. Dee Ross is the exception, as she was a mere 15 when she climbed to Marye's Hilltop!

We all remember "the twins," **Polly** and **Betty Bridges**. When we saw

Betty Bridges Sherrill listed under In Memoriam in the last issue of *TODAY*, we sent a note of sympathy to **Polly Bridges Allen** on behalf of the class. Polly called to express her appreciation, and we since have talked with her again to compile an update on these dear classmates. After graduation, Polly got her teaching certificate in Virginia and began teaching eighth grade English. She later took on first grade students. She married Earle Allen and they had one son, Earle, Jr. After only eight years, Polly suddenly became a young widow. She continued teaching in Virginia and eventually moved back to Gastonia, in her home state of North Carolina. She was recertified and taught at the kindergarten to fourth-grade levels. Some 30 years later, she retired from teaching. Meanwhile, six months after Polly married, Betty wed Thomas Sherrill, and they first lived in North Carolina; they later moved to Columbus, Ga. They had a son, Thomas, Jr., and a daughter, Linda. When Linda was only six-months old, Betty and baby were en route to visit Polly in Virginia and had an auto accident. Betty was badly injured and hospitalized in Danville for six weeks. Polly stayed there with Betty and the baby for the entire time, and then took Linda for two years, until Betty could resume her care. Polly has a special affinity for her niece, who later adopted four children after she was married.

Betty and Polly took turns calling each other each night, continued their special bond, and spent vacations together. At the beach in July of 2005, Betty had a fall, but they thought little of it at the time. A subsequent series of events led to the dreaded diagnosis of a brain tumor. The prognosis was terminal, and Betty died in early January 2006. Mourning her passing were her husband, children, and seven grandchildren, as well as Polly and her family.

Polly's son, Earle, is a pharmacist and his daughter, Jessica, is the joy of Polly's life. In her senior year of high school, Jessica, a 5-foot-10-inch star athlete, was presented with the prestigious Heisman High School Award for her academic, athletic, and spiritual accomplishments. Now a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jessica is an honor student, excels in several sports, and performs missionary and community service. Polly calls her "an angel."

Now, for the record, while they appeared to be identical, always dressed alike, and went everywhere together until each married, they were not twins! They were one year apart in age, Betty being the younger. Polly waited until Betty could attend Mary Washington with her. How about that for a long-delayed revelation, although Polly said some classmates knew. Despite severe arthritis in her hands and extremities, Polly continues to be very active in her church, is in a garden club, and volunteers one day each week in the hospital auxiliary gift shop.

After being "volunteered" by her daughter, Ann, to accompany a youthful cast in rehearsals for and performances of *Oliver!* in July, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** was drafted again for something a little more in keeping with her calling. In November, the Fine Arts Program at Washington and Lee University planned to present three plays by noted playwright Paula Vogel. Two of her works being performed were *The Long Christmas Ride Home* and *How I Learned to Drive*. Pulitzer Prize-winning director Tom Ziegler, a great admirer of Ms. Vogel's writing, was to direct the productions. In addition to the aforementioned plays, the director is especially fond of the author's *The Oldest Profession*, a comedy written for older actresses, featuring five women, each of whom was to perform one of five songs. And that's where Betty's services were to be utilized. With her piano augmented by three instrumentalists, who just happen to be young men, the happy quartet was to be listed in the play's program as "Betty Bond Nichols and her Bordello Boys." At long last, recognition for her true talents! We're so proud, B.B.! Would Lady B. add those fellows to her list of "Gentlemen Callers?" And wouldn't **Conni Conley Stuart** knock that director's socks off with her rendition of one of the songs! We'll leave you on that happy note. As ever, love to you all from both of us.

1950

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Greetings to all.

Clelia Boushee Bullard of Jacksonville, Fla., reported that she is in stable health. She has been in touch with **Peggy Rudacille Chapman**, of Suffolk, Va.

Nat Wilton, of Bellevue, Wash., has lymphoma and had surgery in October. She appreciates all the cards and phone calls from classmates. **Mary Cottingham Hardy**, of San Pedro, Calif., said her granddaughter had a lovely wedding in June. In August, the family went to South Carolina for a family reunion and Mary's high school reunion.

Liz Garey Parode continues to do substitute teaching in Tucson, Ariz.

Patti Head Ferguson and Glenn are still very involved in Santa Fe, but say it is becoming too artsy-craftsy with the many summer tourists who come for the major market fairs. They do, though, enjoy the mix of people and nationalities that have settled in the area. Last year, they had a long, rain-drenched holiday on Kauai and the big island of Hawaii. They enjoyed the people, the history, and the culture; however, lava boulders falling into the ocean and warnings about dangerous currents made them happy to return to Santa Fe.

While she was in Santa Fe for a week, **Rowena Simpson Renn**, looked up Patti, who was in Tucson, and attended the opera. Rowena spent most of 2006 having her husband's book published; *Light Falling* and is about the time leading up to the announcement by the angels that Jesus was to be born. Rowena had an overnight visit with **Lucille Schoolcraft Commander** and her husband in Carrollton, Ga.

Bad weather caused **Billie Mitchell Hanes** to miss a connecting flight on what was to have been a June trip to Spain with her granddaughter, and they decided to cancel at the last minute. Billie and Dick had lots of family visiting at Virginia Beach during the summer, and Billie has been undergoing some new treatment for her eye.

Dorothy Davis Craig '50 hosted the Virginia State Croquet Tournament at her home last summer.

Marge Diener Knapp's husband, Fred, passed away in July after a long struggle with congestive heart failure and severely compromised lungs from years in the feed and grain business. She's doing well most days and keeps busy with church, choir, and friends, many of whom are also widows. She spent Thanksgiving with son Rick and family in Camas, Wash.

Jean Sprower Hampton, of Old Lyme, Conn., is enjoying her 4-year-old grandson, Gavin, who lives nearby. She is active in her church, does lots of reading, and writes. She planned to have written 365 haikus by the end of 2006. **Carol Bailey Miller** has been traveling from Pittsburgh to Florida for horse show events; while at an officials' clinic in Tampa, she managed a visit with sister Ruth, in Naples. She and friends rented a cottage near Gettysburg for three days; they also rented horses for a guided tour of the battlefield. She is still active in the Cumberland Garden Club and the Red Hat Club.

Last spring, one of my high school friends met **Kitty Keely Anagnost** of River Vale, N.J., on an art trip – small world. Kitty wrote a nice note and said she was keeping up with her art appreciation received back in her college days from Mr. Schnellock. Work on her genealogy inspired her to return to Fredericksburg, where she had a great-grandmother in the well-known Willis family. Kitty was surprised to see how the city has grown and how little farmland remains. She and her husband, Jim, spend their summers in Ocean Point, Maine.

I find Elderhostel very interesting. We visited Richmond and many historical spots and homes. I was at my Cape Cod home last summer, and I had a few days in Maine with my older son. While there, I enjoyed Blue Hill and a schooner ride out of Bar Harbor. When I returned from Richmond, **Shirley Cole Schleter**'s son, Chris, wrote that his father, John, had passed away after a bout with prostate cancer. Chris had been working with the Olympics and now has a home in Utah. Many of us knew him when he returned to our reunions with our late friend, Shirley.

1951

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I have not received any news, but want to let you know that our class was represented at our reunion by only **Lorraine Frantz Foulds** and me. We can do better than that! We can also do better by getting news of our classmates published in the next issue. Thanks, and I really look forward to hearing from all of you.

1952

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Our class will celebrate its 55th reunion this June. **Gwen Amory Cummings**, **Anne Smith Harman**, and **Rita Morgan Stone** are co-chairs of the big event, and they will be in Fredericksburg to greet all those who can be there. Rita, Gwen, and Anne attended the September inauguration of Dr. Frawley, so our class was well represented. Anne and her husband now live in Callao on the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Rita and Jake sold their beautiful home on the Potomac River, where they had lived for 39 years, and moved to Lakewood Manor, a lovely retirement community in Richmond, not far from Short Pump Town Center. **Carol Oliver Headlee** has moved to a villa in the same retirement community. Carol's husband, Tom, broke a hip, and their two-story home with upstairs bedrooms was no longer practical.

Last spring, **Anne Hart Martin** enjoyed lunch with friends who attended Mary Washington a few years after we graduated. They reminisced about the campus, dormitories, Quantico, and other happy memories. She has been in touch with **Ruth Williams Webb**, **Shirley Bowman Stotts**, and **Jane Self Ellis**.

Please remember our class president **Janet Heilman Meador** in your thoughts and prayers; she is in poor health. She and her husband, Dan, live in Westminster-Canterbury Assisted Living Retirement Home in Charlottesville, Va.

On a happier note, **Dorothy Davis Craig** and Daley entertained the 1946 Waynesboro High School football team as they celebrated the team's 60th reunion. Although Dottie and Daley have officially retired from the croquet circuit, they hosted the Virginia State Croquet Tournament at their home last summer. Daley has his pilot's license, and they plan to visit their oldest grandchild who plays goalie for Johns' Hopkins University lacrosse team.

Jaci Epes Lauck's husband, Charley, passed away in August 2006 after a long illness. Jaci is grateful for the 54 years they had together, and she is also grateful for the fact that she lives near her children and grandchildren in the Lexington area.

Priscilla Roberts Lefurgy is now Mrs. Gridley R. Dement. She and her new husband live in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Priscilla and Gridley met while they both worked at the Hilton Head hospital and were married in February 2006. Best wishes, Priscilla!

Susan Hutcheson Jergens and John are still active and happy. They hosted a big fund-raiser for their church in October 2006. Susan is still an avid bridge player, and her daughter gave her a keyboard, so Susan is starting to renew her piano-playing abilities. Susan and John have two grandsons who will graduate from college with honors.

After living comfortably in Richmond for 54 years, **Mary West Crocker Ball** and her husband, Bill, decided to leave their large home and yard and migrate to less stressful accommodations in Winston-Salem, N.C. They now live in a single-family cottage on a campus which includes 104 cottages, large high-rise apartments, and all levels of health care. Mary is looking forward to our 55th reunion.

Joan Britten Lucas and her husband, Dick, of Vacaville, Calif., rarely travel because they traveled so much when Dick was a doctor in the military. Three of their children live nearby with their families. They have a 7-year-old great grandchild! Joan and Dick will travel to Charlottesville this year to see their grandson graduate from U.Va.

Claire Sims Braun continues with her art and has had numerous shows. She went on the cruise ship Victoria with a party of 17 children, grandchildren, and friends last summer to Nova Scotia. Claire has some news about her old roommates. **Jerry Foley Crouch** lost her husband last year. **Pat Moran Machelor** has moved from Payson, Ariz., to Tucson. Claire visited **Ruth Rivenburgh Crouch** in Maryland.

Nancy Cundey Peacock has left Williamsburg, Va., to live in a carriage-house community in Denville, N.J. They are happy to be near family and not to have to rake leaves. A real treat was attending their grandson's football games in nearby Mountain Lakes, N.J. They plan to spend part of each year at their other home in Newport Beach, Calif. **Mary Eleanor Bruce McCombie** was walking on the beach near her home at Virginia Beach when she met **Charlotte Adams Harrell** quite by accident! They recognized each other and exchanged the sad news that both of their husbands were hospitalized at that time.

Finally, here is news of one of the Gibson twins who live far apart but who communicate often. **Marjorie Gibson Blaxill** continues to serve on the Princeton, N.J., Civil Rights Commission. Margie is active in Princeton where she has lived for more than 50 years.

I still live in Colorado. My husband and I went to his 60th high school reunion and had fun seeing old friends who are still in pretty good shape! I enjoy being your class agent because I am able to hear your news first. Thank you for sharing the events of your lives. See you in June.

1953

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Vera Bestwick Willis has a new address in Alexandria, which is available through the UMW Office of Alumni Relations. Since 2003, Vera has had two hip replacements, and now she and her husband limit their travels while two adopted tabby siblings – Sophie and Tucker – keep them amused. They enjoy visits from English relatives who tour on their own via the great D.C.-area Metro system.

Carolyn Osborne Jenkins took a wonderful and educational cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. She deemed the churches lovely, the icons beautiful and plentiful, and the food OK. And then there was Moscow's magnificent summer and winter palaces and awesome Metro system. They met their new twin grandchildren – a boy and a girl – in Italy, and they took a side trip to Venice where the piazza was already under water – which usually doesn't happen until January.

Betty Bartz Bradford and Wally have traveled to just about every country in Europe. Last fall they took a river cruise from Nice to Paris. When their oldest granddaughter, 23, graduated from college in May 2006, they took her on her first European trip – to Paris and Amsterdam. Betty is an active member of a local Woman's Club, Garden Club, Red Hat Society, and Questers, a club for antique lovers. Betty said anytime any of you are in the Philadelphia area, the welcome mat is always out.

Toula Drogaris Fotopoulos is another bionic woman; in the last six years she has had knee, hip, and shoulder replacements due to arthritis. She can still play tennis – but chooses bridge instead – and baby-sits nearby grandchildren.

My sister, **Mary Ann Gillespie Corbett '50**; her husband, Gordon; and I took a wonderful three-week car trip in May 2006 through Ohio, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and West Virginia. We had wonderful visits with family, and enjoyed beautiful scenery; young owls in the trees near our lakeside cottage in western Maryland kept us alert all summer. More recently, here in Bethesda, a noise at 3:30 a.m. scared me into calling 911, only to have it traced to an owl on my deck. Was I embarrassed! We also enjoyed a West Virginia scenic train ride on a perfect day when the fall foliage was at its peak. Thanks for contacting me and don't forget to submit more news.

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Thank you to those who wrote with news. Any late news will be held for the next issue.

Betsy Land Johnson and her husband spent part of January and February of 2006 in Spain at Costa del Sol. In response to my question about the greatest influences at Mary Washington, she remembered the library and head librarian Dr. Quenzel. She also enjoyed her Mary Washington Spanish class. I recall that in Spanish class, we would always ask Dr. Cabrera about his trips to Spain, and he would begin telling us, in Spanish, of his many adventures. We, of course, were trying to avoid grammar lessons.

In June 2006, **Barbara Trites Peterson** and her husband traveled to Alexandria, Va., to attend the celebration of **Eileen West Grenfell** and Fred's 50th wedding anniversary. It was held in the Oakton area at the Grenfell's home. Barbara remembered Dr. Alvey from her years at Mary Washington. She said he gave her many tools and information to take into the classroom when she started her teaching career.

For **Virginia Marco Hancock**, the past two years have been filled with many nostalgic events, such as seeing her freshman roommates at our 50th reunion. That year was also her reunion for her nursing school class at U.Va., 13 of whom were inducted into the Thomas Jefferson Society and walked down the lawn with the class of 1956.

Jayne Jones Kent lived in Willard her first year, and Framar her second before transferring to the University of South Carolina, from which she graduated. She taught school, married a naval officer, and had two children. Though her husband passed away, she is busy with friends and, when needed, substitute teaching. She spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, four grandchildren, and 96-year-old mother.

Eileen Cella Manze is finally settled in her new home in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and knows she will not miss the Pennsylvania snow and ice. She did make a trip back to the University of Pennsylvania for surgery, and now is feeling much better. Eileen sent an article from the *Orlando Sentinel* in which UMW was listed as a "fit" college.

Ann "Mimi" Denty Schoonover shared her memory of having a cold, wet head of hair going from swimming to her next class at Mary Washington! **Coralyn White McGeehan** remembered Dr. Parkinson, who taught child psychology at Mary Washington. A student asked him about Parkinson's disease, since he had the same name. He explained the disease, and that his ever-so-great relative had researched it, and, thus, it was named for *that* Dr. Parkinson. Sadly, Coralyn lost her husband of 49 years, Bob, to that disease in August 2006. Our class sends our thoughts and prayers for what must have been a difficult time through his illness and death.

Carole Kolton Bryson's memory moment was her favorite professor, Gwendolyn Beeler, from the home economics department. She got Carole interested in dietetics and encouraged her to apply for the Margaret McDonald Scholarship in Dietetics, which Carole received. She was the only person from Mary Washington who won that scholarship. On a sad note, Carole's son, who was in his early 40s, died unexpectedly last year. In September 2006, her mother passed away at 104. To Coralyn and to Carole, our class sends our condolences on your losses.

Until next time, stay safe, have fun and, most important, keep sending news.

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The big event to plan for is our 50th reunion at Mary Washington June 1- 3, 2007! Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for the information packet with all the details, which should have arrived by the time you read this.

Foncie Lawrence Williamson went to a reunion planning meeting at UMW in October to help make plans for this special weekend. She and **Sandy Ball** have had their heads together for months thinking up fun things for us to do to make the weekend really great. Foncie wrote a terrific letter, which Sandy edited (just like the old *Battlefield* days!). Hopefully, you have already received this and are getting excited about attending. I know I am, and so is my sweetheart, Mahlon. Remember, the reunion is only as good as the people who are there!

Please update your email addresses with Becky Kocher in the UMW Office of Alumni Relations at rkocher@umw.edu. I am trying to update my list, too. If you are interested in circulating your address with other classmates, please send me your email address, and I'll send out an updated list.

Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham and Foncie have had a very busy autumn. They and two friends rented a thatched cottage in Ireland for two weeks and really got a feel for the country. They enjoyed Irish stew, fairies knocking on their cottage, a million shades of green, an 11-force gale, ancient sites, and beautiful countryside. They attended their high school reunion in Portsmouth in October, and also went to visit some old camp counselor friends in Seaford, Va.

Marlene Bost Braun and husband Carl went on a two-week tour last summer starting in England, continuing to Scotland, Wales, and returning to London. They enjoyed sightseeing, had outstanding accommodations, and ate delicious meals. Their tour director made the trip very educational with his vast knowledge of the history and geography.

Mary Lou Davis went to Mary Washington through her junior year, married her high school sweetheart, William "Whitey" Clarke, and transferred to U.Va., where she received her degree. They retired to lovely Hilton Head, S.C., 13 years ago and now spend time traveling, boating, and play tennis and lots of golf. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the families of their three daughters, including five grandsons. Mary Lou and **Meredith Puller Townes** were high school as well as college classmates; last spring they had brunch together with Meredith's husband, Jack. She enjoys reading *TODAY* and hopes to attend our 50th reunion.

Mary Montague Sikes '57 – an elementary school art teacher, freelance writer and artist, and possessor of boundless energy – completed a Tapestry for Peace panel for the National League of American Pen Women.

Bruce Ritchie Spain visited with **Lois Prime Liles** last summer, and they took up like it had been only yesterday since they had seen one another. Lois' husband, Sherwood, passed away two years ago. She is busy with family and takes wonderful trips with friends. Lois looks fabulous and pledges to come to reunion. Bruce is thinking ahead about reservations so we can all stay in the same place. So, be sure to address this issue as soon as the packet arrives! **Evelyn Nitti Ewald** wrote that she had visited her daughter and family in Richmond and had lunch with Bruce who, coincidentally, sings with the same group as her daughter. They had not seen one another since leaving Mary Washington.

Mary Montague Sikes – an elementary school art teacher, freelance writer and artist, and possessor of boundless energy – completed a Tapestry for Peace panel for the National League of American Pen Women. The panel, one of about 75 nationwide, was showcased last April at the Pen Women's annual conference in Denver. The plan is to sew six panels together, creating more than 10 larger panels and, when complete, the art will travel the country. Congratulations, Monty!

Ellen Hertz Hewitt wrote of the tragic deaths of their son, Charles, Jr., and his girlfriend in a house fire in October. The family had gathered the day before to celebrate his birthday by doing an autumn clean up of his yard. It was a beautiful, warm day, and they had lunch on the deck. I cannot imagine their pain and grief, and ask you to remember them in your prayers.

For those of you who didn't know, **Doris Russell Swaringen** passed away five years ago.

Okay, devils, see you all in June! Plan to come and celebrate our big 50th! Dig out your old pictures and memories of wonderful days spent at Mary Washington. It will be a great weekend, but only if you are there!

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Unfortunately, I am unable to submit news for this issue. My mother suffered a stroke in September, and I've spent most of my days and evenings assisting her through the recovery process. My mom, who celebrated her 94th birthday in rehab in October, is now at home. Please send me news for upcoming issues.

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Beth Shochat Cole emailed with sad news about **Barbara Boiseau**, who died Sept. 27, 2006, after complications from surgery that day. The loss is so very sad. Beth's happier news is that she has sold her home and moved to Jacksonville, Fla. – something she is very excited about. She was in Tucson, Ariz., for Christmas after a visit with her daughter in Denver.

Dodie Reeder Hruby's daughter, Liz, is happy her husband has returned safely from Iraq. He will be in the Washington, D.C., area for one to two years while he awaits new orders from the Pentagon. **Lois Gaylord Allen** remains active on the County Mental Health Board and the Judicial Child Placement Review Board. Her grandson, Marcus, a high school senior, is being courted by many colleges. He has won medals in track at local and state levels, and he is seeded number one at the state level in hurdles. He works as an animator, but he wants to be a social studies teacher like his grandfather.

In June, **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** and Tom visited friends in Lorcene, Ore., where she said there are many wineries. In September and October they went to Dana Point and Las Vegas, and spent five days in San Antonio at a reunion with VP-45, a Bermuda-based seaplane squadron that Tom was in 43 years ago. They made some side trips, too, and had a great time. Audrey's grandchildren are all fine. Audrey and Tom walk more than two miles each morning and see all the gorgeous sunrises. Audrey lost her mother in December, and we all send our condolences.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and her mother visited friends and relatives in Virginia for two weeks. All is well for her in Florida – grandson Mason loves kindergarten. **Catherine Swaffin Howard** sent a super picture of herself with their seven grandchildren.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman and clan have returned from their yearly LSU vs. Alabama game, this year in North Carolina. They also saw Wisconsin play Pennsylvania. They went to Nassau and Vero Beach, took a cruise from Boston to Montreal, and rented a house in Keystone, Colo., for two weeks. Celeste's husband, Alan, continues to enjoy his golf coaching; they won their last tournament in San Diego. Celeste and Alan's grandchildren, Smylie and Luckie, are quite the golfers. Smylie, 14, qualified for the U.S. Junior Golf Championship at San Diego's Rancho Fe Golf Course. Luckie, 12, has been winning his share of junior tournaments. Julie and John's Austin, 17, came in ninth in cross-country at a state meet and made All-State. He has already heard from the Naval Academy. Granddaughter Francie is in ninth grade and is a cheerleader. Sarah, the youngest, is into piano, dance, and tumbling. Celeste's daughter, Tammy, is a professor in Orlando where she has textbooks being published. She loves life in central Florida with her three dogs and one cat, and she likes to travel. Celeste saw **Pamela Raumitz Laveck** in Ponte Verde, had a five-hour lunch with **Carol Daehler Leonard** in South Dakota this summer. Celeste says both Pam and Carol looked great.

Joan Whittemore Loock's Jim had hip replacement surgery last January and was on the golf course and pain free in two and one-half months. He does some consulting work for Frito Lay. Joni loves working in a Coldwater Creek store twice a week for fun and a discount. In August, Joni and Jim traveled with friends to Cancun; in October, they spent two weeks at the Royal Hacienda Resort in Playa Del Carmen, and they planned to travel again in February to celebrate Joni's birthday. Daughter Kristen expects to have her second child in May. Kristie, Chad, and Emily visited in May and the Loocks reciprocated in October. Daughter Sarah's children are growing quickly and are into sports. Daughter Mandy's restaurant in Virginia Beach is doing great. Curt, Peggy, and twins Samantha and Amanda had Thanksgiving together. The big news from Joni was the addition to the family of a maltipoo named Minnie – seven pounds of white fluff has stolen their hearts.

Julia Coates Littlefield's year began with an awesome visit to her ancestral home, Oakwood, in Warrenton, Va. Oakwood was a wedding gift to her great-great grandmother in 1805, and it was sold out of the family more than 100 years ago. The new owners, a French couple who have restored it and the adjacent property containing

the family graveyard, hosted Julia and Mo and served them a five-course meal. The couple showed them the graves of Julia's 19th-century ancestors, John and Betsy Scott. The person who introduced the Littlefields to the new owners after all these years was **Kay Rowe Hayes**!

There was a Littlefield mini reunion in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., in February. Daughter Bess, Mike, and Jack Henry visited from Mechanicsville. Eighth-grade Jack Henry is straight-A student and is active in sports and woodworking. Son Scott, Susan, and Chris visited from Augusta, Ga. Chris, at 5, likes to draw. The Littlefields keep busy with church, where Julia's commitment to the adult and children's choir remains unabated.

The Littlefields had a visit from **Mary Massey** and Jack Meiners in the spring.

Mary and Jack's highlights for the year were supporting the University of Maryland's women's basketball team and watching their NCAA championship games on campus. Their best Elderhostel this year was Las Vegas, the least enjoyable was San Francisco with poor weather, a crowded city, and worse, but, they said, the lecturer was fabulous. They spent two weeks in Oregon and Washington with Jack's family, where they had a spectacular hike with views of the Columbia River, snow-covered mountains, and carpets of wild flowers. In the fall they went on a very nice Elderhostel trip to northern Wisconsin. Mary has been hiking almost every Sunday for 37 years. They continue to take classes at University of Maryland Legacy College and attend a wide variety of performances from classic to country. They so enjoy being with Jack's children, their grandchildren, and their dog. Jack sings and plays the harmonica at a nearby senior center and Mary is in her 14th year as a volunteer for the Audubon Naturalist Society. They are looking forward to an Elderhostel program in Key West and the Everglades, and then a trip to Corning, N.Y. They will also attend the biennial Appalachian Trail Conference in mid-summer in Mahwah, N.J.

Kay Rowe Hayes reported good news: her daughter, Kathy, is recovering from cervical cancer. Hallelujah!

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim finally quit living on their boat in February and moved into their new house in Cape Coral, Fla. They interrupted their unpacking, settling in, and landscaping for their annual trip to Hawaii. It rained the first two weeks, but the second two were back to normal. In May, they went to Greensboro for the graduation of oldest granddaughter Stephanie – Steve and Cindy's daughter – who now attends Wake Forest. She is a member of a dance company and is in a theater group. On their return, they visited son Dick; his wife, Angie; Kelly; and Hannah in Smithfield, and they

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later saw friends in North Carolina and Tennessee. Daughter Ginny's children are fine: Sarah Kate is into soccer, Andrew and Samantha are taking tennis lessons.

Anne Saunders Spilman wrote that all was well with everyone. **Anne Watkins Steves** and Bob have eight grandchildren ranging in age from 18 months to 22 years! Son Bruce's daughter, Sarabeth, is a National Merit Scholar. Anne and Bob had a fabulous trip to Provence, France, in June with two weeks of exploring on their own, eating wonderful food, and hearing good music. In August, they went to daughter Linda's condo in New Hampshire, and then visited with son Bill's family in Vermont. In August, they attended the Four Corners Folk Festival.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw was at the Jersey shore when Hurricane Ernesto blew in – quite an experience. She stays busy with the vestry at church and in community activities. Since her 96-year-old mother is not driving, Priscilla takes her everywhere. Son Chris and Rioca have a lovely duplex in Tokyo. Son Bob gets home fairly often from Naples, Fla.

Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs and Archie spent three weeks in New Zealand, and also took trips to Lake Placid, Niagara Falls, and Ohio. Daughter Tracey, Andy, Molly, and Anna moved to Iowa. Charlotte and Archie have visited them as well as sons Alan and Dale in North Carolina. Charlotte and Archie went to their annual apple butter-making trip to Turner's Farm, visited some army friends, attended Charlotte's 50th high school reunion, and also managed a visit to the Williamsburg Inn this year.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks planned to spend Christmas in Utica.

Eleanor Markham Old's Arthur wrote that Jim is still working as a Booz Allen Hamilton consultant and getting the U.S. Navy on the right track! He completed his service as vice president of the Mallory Country Club and continues with the lacrosse league as well as coaching soccer and lacrosse. Jim's wife, Beth, graduated from Old Dominion University with a degree in nursing to go along with her degree in architecture. She practices at King's Daughter Hospital. Grandsons Parker, 13, and Tyler, 12, are into soccer and lacrosse. Arthur still participates in the Sons of the Revolution, does some substituting at the Lancaster County Career and Tech Center, and still does a little flying.

Gloria Winslow Borden took a trip to Anarctica last January. She described the beauty of Ushuaia, the mountains, the deep blue skies, glaciers, icebergs, watching birds, seals, penguins, and whales. She hopes to move to an over-55 community in mid-2007. In March, she traveled to Hawaii with daughter Cynthia, Rob, and the three grandchildren. In July, she underwent surgery on three herniated disks in her neck. She is doing fine. During the year she took trips to New York City, the beach, Wintergreen, Calif., and Texas. She visited Cynthia's family in Houston, where they were joined by daughter Caroline and Cliff. Gloria planned to spend Christmas in San Francisco.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers is working only two weeks a month, mostly along the East Coast. She and Don filled the slack in her work with lots of tennis, social travel, and company. She took her Lake Tahoe ski trip, went to Las Vegas in January, and to Malta in May. In October, they cruised on the Veendam to Key West, Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico. Unfortunately, Don suffered a heart attack this year, but now he has a pacemaker and is choosing his trips. Irene tore her rotator cuff and opted for physical therapy – she is passing with flying colors due to her belief in mind over matter.

Geraldine Jenks Winston and Addison have moved into a retirement home in Daleville, though they still have their home in Roanoke.

More than two years ago, **Jane Howard Buchanan** and Peter outgrew Vermont and moved to a retirement center with 425 interesting residents in Charlottesville. **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and Dale have visited them, as did **Nancy Lanford Carr** and Al and **Ann Pittman Whittington**. Jane has spoken with **Martha Blake Cooper**, who lives near Wintergreen. Her husband, Charlie, is in a nursing home.

Barbara White Ellis is maintaining life on the farm with many "boarders" – her two horses, two dogs, and six cats.

Barbara Bardnt Miller closed down her large barn and has reduced her livestock to three horses and six dogs. Ending a 40-year business has been quite an ordeal, not only with equipment but with emotional ties. She has been doing a lot of biking everywhere, including trails in Pennsylvania. She has continued to show her 2-year-old pony filly, Rosee. She traveled to Ocean City, N.J., for two weeks in September, and then in October she went on a disaster aid trip to New Orleans. Barbara does a lot of gardening and continues to judge hunter trials.

As for me, I did not do a very good job on my Christmas notes this year, but I thank you so very much for all the kind and caring cards you sent. I lost my sweet, old Tom on December 23. He just wore out. Much to our surprise and shock, the cancers were invading everywhere. He tried his best. He stayed at home, which was his wish. He was lucid, brave, and accepting to the end. I know others of you have suffered this experience, but I must express to you how much my old heart is broken.

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From Karen:

Susan Beil Segalla earned a master's degree from Lehigh University, was employed by aircraft companies in Baltimore and on Long Island, married in 1964, gave birth to a daughter, divorced, and moved to Reading, Pa. There, she raised her daughter, taught school, programmed computers, and became an independent programmer and systems analyst. In 1975, she began flying airplanes, and in 1985 bought her own Piper Archer plane. She attended her daughter's two college graduations and subsequent marriage. In 1996, Susan moved from Pennsylvania to Florida, met air show pilot Stanley Segalla, received free aerobatic lessons from him, and they married in 2002. She now summers in New England – where Stanley flies in air shows – and winters in Florida. Together, they have eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, flying, and the new generations.

Like most of us, **Suzanne Smith Goodrick**'s education at Mary Washington has allowed her to pursue several different careers. After graduation, she went to work at the Department of State in Washington, D.C., hoping to travel the world, but love intervened and she married before her first opportunity to go abroad. Her husband's job with the Department of Agriculture did take them to Puerto Rico for 18 months. After the birth of her two children and the start of Bob's new job in Florida, she became a stay-at-home mom until her youngest started school; then, she became an instructional aide in the local school. Time marches on and, in 1994, with

kids grown and successfully graduated from college, Sue and Bob retired and moved to Wilmington, N.C., built their dream house, and enjoyed eight years surviving three hurricanes. In 2002, Bob was diagnosed with a brain tumor and passed away in 2004. After Bob's death, Sue's parents needed her help, so she moved to Wilmington. Her dad is in a nursing facility, and Sue is primary caregiver for her mom, who is still in her own home. Sue's other activities these days revolve around working in her garden, being secretary of the local Women's Club, and enjoying her two grandsons.

Cary Tilton Doyle, who had a marvelous recovery from a brain aneurysm in 2003, joined her son and family this summer for a trip to Vail, Colo., and rooted for her oldest grandson who is on a traveling lacrosse team. While there, she toured Denver and visited her sister and her family. At home, Cary is active in Kiwanis and enjoys reading to a second-grade class each month. She practices yoga, enjoys singing with a group of 60 women who visit nursing homes in Richmond, and is in the Altar Guild at her church.

Dodie Tyrell headed to New Jersey in October for her 50th high school reunion. After attending Mary Washington, she received her bachelor's degree in psychology from University of Richmond and her master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University. Dodie worked at University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and was employed at UCLA for almost 30 years as a research associate in various neurological and neuropsychiatry research programs. In 1991 she moved to Sacramento, Calif., did a stint with health and aging, and now serves as the research manager for the California Department of Health Services Alzheimer's Disease Program. She's had biographies printed in *Who's Who in the U.S.* Her volunteer activities include working in various capacities with the Los Angeles Opera, the Metropolitan Opera Auditions in the west, and as an administrative officer for the California Disaster Medical Assistance Team under the Department of Homeland Security. She was also deployed to New Orleans in September 2005, as part of Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts. Wow, did I have trouble condensing this lady's activities! Her final note was "No husbands, children, or grandchildren!" My response: How would she ever have found the time?

Gail Mooney Grobe and husband Lee, of Fairfax County, Va., occasionally return to our beautiful Mary Washington, enjoying both the campus and the charming atmosphere of Fredericksburg. She says that although many changes on campus have occurred, the former splendor remains. Following graduation in 1960, Gail worked for the State of Maryland, Department of Social Services. In 1971, she married a career Army officer, and had wonderful experiences as an Army wife. She and Lee have three children and three grandchildren. Their greatest satisfaction is watching with pride all the accomplishments of their 31-year-old Down syndrome son. She stays in close contact with her roomie, **Carolyn Rolston Rourke**.

After spending more than 35 years in Cincinnati, Ohio, **Dee Merrill Albright** and her husband, Al, retired to Williamsburg. She is busy with church and volunteer activities, many of which revolve around her love of gardening – being a Master Gardener, a member of the Herb Society of America, and a garden guide for Colonial Williamsburg – all which leaves very little time for her own garden. She has met several Mary Washington grads that live in Williamsburg, but not from the Class of '60. She sees **Pat Gray Proulx '59** several times a year at the Broadway Series in Norfolk.

Willie Burton Calhoun and Jim have migrated north to Mount Joy, Pa., between Harrisburg and Lancaster. They are enjoying meeting people in their new community, which is adult-oriented and has a community center, many activities, hiking trails, and a park. Jim's brother and sister are within 15 minutes of their home.

Cyd Day Getchell made her annual summer trip to the Rosebud, South Dakota, Indian reservation where she has become an adopted member of the nation. She is amazed by the level of poverty and also by the number of academically and artistically gifted children and young people on the reservation. In order to pursue their dreams, they need personal and financial support as well as a good education. Cyd has established a foundation to make these good things happen. Due to space constraints, we are unable to provide more than these highlights about Cyd's project and her love and concern for these people. However, if you would like to help her meet her goals, we will provide you with Cyd's email address.

After graduation from Mary Washington, **Carolyn Rolston Rourke** studied medical records administration in Baltimore, and she accepted a position at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. In 1974, she met and married Dr. John Rourke, and they moved to Harrison, N.Y. Their lives were blessed in 1976 with the birth of a daughter. When John retired in 1996, they moved to the Bar Harbor area of Maine, where they anticipated enjoying all the natural wonder. They were not disappointed and were thrilled with the tranquil beauty of their adopted state. John died in 1998, two months before their daughter's graduation from the Air Force Academy. Susie's graduation and subsequent Air Force assignments, however, have brought Carolyn much joy and adventure, both in the United States and abroad. Carolyn was further blessed by Susie's marriage to an Air Force officer last year, and she anticipated being a grandmother in January of this year.

Betsy Hopkins Hays and Rusty spent a month in England visiting their daughter's family and four grandkids. Rusty is the same U.S. Naval Academy guy she was engaged to while at Mary Washington, she said. After nine years in the Navy, he headed to business school, then worked for the federal government in Washington, D.C., where he received the call to full-time pastoral ministry and attended seminary to prepare for the new career. Betsy and Rusty have served in churches up and down the eastern seaboard. When Rusty retired from full-time ministry in 2004, they moved to Fort Meyers, Fla. They are temporarily in Vicksburg, Miss., where Rusty is an interim pastor. Betsy is a four-year breast cancer survivor. In addition to travel to England, they visit their son in North Dakota, and Rusty leads tours to Israel, Turkey, and Greece.

Liz Hill Heaney and Bob left Amelia Island, Fla., in early November to be nearer their children and grandchildren and live in a beautiful new home in Dover, N.C. They planned to be settled in for the holidays.

After five grandsons, **Nancy Carruthers Meeker** is ecstatic over the recent birth of a granddaughter! She's doubly excited because this one lives in Florida near her, and she'll get to see her often. **Sharon Scott Bailey** has returned to Florida, after summering in Wisconsin, and she is substitute teaching.

Co-class agent **Jody Campbell Close** happily anticipated a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with her eldest son and his family in North Carolina, and a really fun Christmas in Seattle with her daughter and her family. She took up watercolor painting and Tai Chi last fall, but wasn't ready to report on her efforts in either area – yet.

Last June, we went on a delightful camping trip through the western national parks with grandchild No. 6, who was absolutely enchanted with every place she visited. We spent July and August in Show Low, Ariz., landscaping our RV site and getting acquainted with neighbors. We survived our annual 10-day September round dance "marathon" in New Mexico, returned to Show Low to close up the trailer for the winter, and headed south to Phoenix for our winter life in "perpetual summer." We enjoy our round dance workshops and visits with friends. We spent Christmas with our daughter and her four children in Las Vegas.

We're one year closer to our 50th now, ladies, and there are still many of you we haven't heard from. Keep those cards and emails coming; Jody and I love to hear from you.

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From Connie (A-G):

I'll start off with news gleaned from last January when I made Reunion calls; then I'll cover post-reunion news, mainly from my third of the class members. Thanks to all for contacting me!

Graham Walker Burns, our freshman class president, is one busy lady! After graduating from UNC, she married Arthur Lee "Bud" Burns, raised seven children in Lookout Mountain., Tenn., and now has five grandchildren. In 1994, Graham entered the real estate field and has become a multimillion-dollar producer each year, as well as being active on several community boards. Only a daughter's wedding in June kept her from Reunion.

Julia "Judi" Early Bidwick and her husband, Al, divide their time between Venice, Fla., and Ocean City, Md., where most of their blended family of seven children and 16 grandchildren live. Both are retired teachers/principals and now volunteer with the boating auxiliary of the Coast Guard, spending 30 hours a week teaching sailing, navigation, and water safety; patrolling the waters; and helping with hurricane relief.

Betsy Ottley Taggart lives in Cheyenne, Wyo. **Lynn McCarthy** suffers from chronic breathing problems and lives in an assisted-living facility in Frankfort, Ky.

Mary Hatcher, of Wilmington, N.C., is retired, busy, and hopes to travel to Singapore. **Porter Phillips Booker**, of Poquoson, Va., attended Mary Washington for two years and finished at Old Dominion. She raised four children, one of whom graduated from Mary Washington in 1991, and is retired from teaching. **Carol Schock Furman** of Virginia Beach cares for her two preschool-aged grandchildren, while her younger daughter teaches at Old Dominion. Her older daughter is a registered nurse in Charlottesville. Conflicting reunions kept **Sandra Phillips Conklyn** from attending ours; her husband's at Bucknell won out. Sandra went to nursing school in Lancaster, Pa., and continued in her field for 20 years. She has two children and three grands.

Sue Ellen Peacock Hains was with us only during freshman year. She and her husband, John, a school teacher, lived for many years in Suffern, N.Y, and now live in Los Alamos, N.M., where she earned a degree from the University of New Mexico. They have a daughter in Honolulu and a married son in New York. When I spoke to her, she had complications from a broken foot, and we hope she is back on her feet by now!

I caught up with **Matt McCeney Campbell** in Atlanta where she was taking care of her grandchildren while her daughter was ill. She lives in Nashville, Tenn., and is in touch with **Babs Buse Johnson** of Bowie, Md., and **Jean Ryan Farrell** of Dunwoody, a suburb in Atlanta. The Farrells travel a lot – scuba diving in the Caribbean, skiing in Utah, visiting a son and family in Oslo, Norway, and volunteering in the Honduras with church members.

Judy LaRoe Hare of Alpharetta, Ga., is on three teams with the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Assoc., and she travels out west to ski. She works from home, running My Pool Pal, a company that manufactures children's flotation devices and other specialized swim products. She's been divorced for many years and enjoys traveling to Kentucky, Arizona, and Oregon to see her three kids and grandkids. **Janice Murphy Riefler**'s husband died, and she divides her time between her home in Hamburg, N.Y., and Los Cabos, Mexico. She has two children and seven grandchildren. **Bobbie Brookes Nation** lives in London, and has a daughter and grandchild. **Mary Jane Giles Stearns** is in Dubach, La. **Linda Berenguer** is a librarian in Shandaken, a suburb in upper New York State.

Our beautiful May Queen **Sylvia Barden Heiner Wester** lost her battle with ovarian cancer in September. She lived in Atlanta for many years and owned a couple of companies. Her immediate family consisted of her second husband, Allen; two children from her marriage to Phil Heiner, who died in 1982; five grandchildren; and her mother. **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug went to the memorial service and remembered the fun times visiting the Heiners in Atlanta.

Patsy Whitehead Towle has moved to a smaller house on Cape Cod after her second husband died; she has two daughters, one in Austin, Texas, and the other in Annapolis, Md. Each daughter has presented Patsy with two granddaughters.

Vaughan Hargroves Scott has throat cancer, and her brother died recently. She would appreciate messages from classmates. Please contact me or the UMW Office of Alumni Relations for Vaughan's email address. This news hits us hard, but seems to strengthen those ties of friendship made more than 45 years ago.

Eleanor Knight Jensen and Cliff both are retired from their chemistry careers at Union Carbide, and they are hardly ever home in New Fairfield, Conn. Last year, they visited China, Maine, and St. Barts, and they spent three months in New Zealand and three weeks in Fiji.

Eleanor asked that I let you know that **Nancy Hamlin** had a stroke in July, but is improving in a rehab center in Roanoke. Nancy, twice divorced, has three children. She sold her very successful Century 21 Realty business a few years ago, but still worked some in real estate.

Aggie Welsh Eyster '61 of San Antonio, Texas, was named 2006 Artist of the Year by the San Antonio Art League.

Carolyn Barnette Wright lives in Pembroke Pines, a suburb of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. In May, she retired after teaching 45 years, most of them as a professor of psychology and education at Miami-Dade College in Miami. She hopes to see us at the next reunion. Good planning!

Carole Grant LeMay and Ralph still live in Natchez, Miss., liking it so well that they decided to stay after his retirement from International Paper in 1999. They have a daughter and family in Birmingham, where they may eventually move. She was off for a trip to Europe, including a cruise in Sicily, in October. **Bev Carlson Shea** lives in Bethlehem, Pa., and is in close touch with roomie **Joan Gibson Lippold**.

Ellen Grumbly deGail – a.k.a. Grum, which she still loves to be called – divorced in 2002 and moved from Maryland's Eastern Shore in January 2006. She now lives in an active, 55-plus community, Peppertree Crossing, in Brunswick, Ga., and loves it! Grum has two sons, one in Maryland, the other in Wisconsin.

About two years ago, she popped in to see **Carlotta Croghan Clark** at one of their several lighting stores in Annapolis, Md., and said she hasn't changed – just as crazy as ever!

Grum, **Nancy Wright**, and **Joan Gibson Lippold**, have gotten together for several years. She reports Nancy and Joan are as much fun as ever! Nancy is doing well now, adjusting to Grant's unexpected death a few years ago. She travels a lot with friends, and she lives in a new condo in Springfield, Va.

Joan is her usual bubbly self. She is retired from teaching, lives in Port Republic, Md., and she and husband Jim are world travelers. They have a daughter nearby, and another daughter in Texas. Grum, Nancy, and Joan have made a pact to attend our 50th.

Andy and I traveled to Greece and Istanbul in May. He had both knees replaced in August, so we have been home enjoying our delightful Basset Lab, Fiona, and planning our next adventure. I love hearing from you, by any means you choose, so keep those communication lines open!

From Renee (H-Q):

Hope all of you are well and enjoyed a lovely fall and winter. First, thanks to these ladies who responded so promptly to my request for information: Sara, Sylvia, Peggy, Marilyn, and Debbie. Next time, I promise to give you guys more of a heads up.

Here's my news. I have retired from the practice of law and have taken up the mantle of bum and, thus far, I'm good at it! Actually, in retirement, I've been so busy I don't know how I had time to work. I love cruises, so a repeat to the Mexican Riviera at the end of November was in the cards, and I'm going to Greece and Turkey in May. At home, I have two dogs and a cat and three outside strays that, because I feed them, show up at the same time morning and evening! I attend classes at Beverly Hills Adult School and that is fun! There is volunteering for animal rescue groups, and there is theater, concerts, and, of course, shopping! I am handling a few minor matters for friends, but apart from that, I haven't cracked a law book in months!

Sara Prosterman Brown enjoyed a week-long visit by **Sarah Leigh** and husband **Tom Kinberg** this past winter. It's amazing to get back together with old friends and reminisce. Sara still works full time in healthcare recruiting; in her spare moments, she quilts, takes walks, and gardens. She is enjoying grandchildren – four local and three in Richmond.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart spent last May in China, Japan, and Thailand. A recent UMW President's Council Book Club featured our own class member, **Emyl Jenkins**, who gave an exceptional talk. She has gone from writing books on antiques to writing novels. Emyl's latest, released last year, *Stealing with Style*, is entertaining and very well written.

Reading about Emyl in the winter issue of *UMW TODAY* led **Becky Paris Spetz** to become a big fan. Becky met former roommates, **Carol Turner Daniels** and **Judy Abbott Copes**, in Greensboro, N.C., for a long weekend in August. Travel, bridge, reading, hiking, and families make full schedules for each one of them.

While on her way to a duplicate bridge tournament in Ocean City, Becky stopped by UMW and picked

Alumna's art and altruism unite to help clients capture their dreams

Patricia Geiling Blum '79 recently returned from a trip to Athens, Greece, with her family. This was no vacation. The New Jersey native, who now resides in California, was asked to present a lecture to mental health professionals from around the globe at a meeting of the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

Blum's topic? Overcoming the stigma of mental illness.

It's an issue with which she has been involved her entire professional life. "One in four people has a mental health issue," said Blum, vice president of operations for medical treatment programs at one of California's largest providers of mental health services. Even with the prevalence, she added, negative connotations exist. Her goal is to help make people whole again, and give a voice to those who might have lost theirs along the way.

"Mental health recovery is real," Blum said. "It's wonderful working with people through these programs so that they can get therapy, socialization training, and support."

Where she is now is a long way from where Blum, 49, began.

As a psychology and art major, Blum credited Mary Washington with instilling the drive to build a successful career.

"Dr. Mueller, my sculpture professor, was my mentor. He pushed me to be the best I could be, to keep working harder," Blum said in a recent interview. "It wasn't good enough to just be OK." While studying under Dr. Mueller, Blum was featured in a one-woman art show.

At Mary Washington, she said, "there was great camaraderie and support from faculty and peers – just a very positive community. I loved my time there."

Something else she learned at Mary Washington was how to combine her art with altruism. "My junior year, I got an internship at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington D.C., working with people with severe mental health issues," Blum said. At the time, St. Elizabeth's had one of the only established art therapy programs in the country.

After graduation, Blum took a bus to California to visit family. It was there she met her husband, Chris Blum, and established a home. "After we got married," she said, "I enrolled in grad school for art therapy at Sacramento State." While still in school, Blum accepted her first position at Crestwood Behavioral Heath Inc., as a six-hour-a-week recreational assistant.

But Dr. Mueller's "work harder" mantra stayed with her. Blum soon was promoted to hospital administrator and ran one of Crestwood's mental health recovery facilities from 1985 to 1996. During that time, Blum moved with her husband and three children – Tara, now 22, Christopher, 18, and Sean, 14 – to the town of Yountville in the heart of California's wine country.

Now in her 27th year with Crestwood, Blum oversees 17 programs throughout the state of California, including a nonprofit vocational program called Dreamcatchers Empowerment Network. Dreamcatchers provides training for consumers of mental health services to successfully transition back into a working community.

Blum is also pursuing her doctorate at Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center. She plans to graduate in June.

– Melissa Magliola

Patricia Geiling Blum '79 with Athens in the distance

up a brochure on the new Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile on Double Drive near George Washington Hall. It is an 88-foot bell tower that will become a beautiful addition to the campus entrance.

Peggy Howard Hodgkins, **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom,** and Lloyd's husband, Art, had a fast-paced two-week tour of Egypt in October. It included a camel ride; a sunrise hot-air-balloon ride over the Valley of the Kings and Queens; three nights on the Nile River; trips through temples, tombs, and museums; and visits in the homes of folks in Cairo, Luxor, and a Nubian village near Aswan. Peggy went on her regular Jacksonville Beach trip in November, visited her Mom, and attended her brother's wedding.

Cindy Scott Margot and Woodie spend last fall in Hilton Head, the winter in Florida, and the summer in Scotland.

For 26 years, **Marilyn Messier Whitmore** and husband Bill have made their home in the Simi Valley in Southern California. She works part-time for Bill, who still has his own business, and they have no plans to retire soon. They have three daughters, all of whom married great guys, and they all live within two miles of Marilyn and Bill. There are 10 grandchildren, three boys and seven girls, ranging from age 1 to 22. One day each week, Marilyn is a docent at the nearby Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. It's in a beautiful spot atop a mountain and has an Air Force One Pavilion that houses the Boeing 707 used by seven presidents.

Marilyn reports the following: **Sybil Smith Lyon** lives in Glastonbury, Conn.; **Kay Gamble Reinehr** lives in Danbury, Conn.; and **Peg Hobart Mailler '62** lives in Warrenton, Va. They are all well and happy, with many grandchildren. Marilyn can't believe our 50th reunion will be here before we know it. It'll always be the way I remember college, but I'm glad it is now a university.

Debbie Phinney Wylie does some tutoring for the SAT exam and keeps busy with tennis, bridge, and the Friends of the Library. She spent a wonderful 10 days in Italy with her sister, her first trip since her husband, Tom, died. She said she is managing. She planned to spend the holidays in St. Louis with her two sons, one daughter, and four of eight grandchildren; the newest arrived in March and evened up the score to four girls and four boys.

From Lynne (R-Z):

This being my very first Class Notes submission, it will probably be pretty unimaginative. I will do my best, though, to carry on the tradition of the beautiful job **Ann Hopkins Burroughs** did for so many years. Please share your news and email addresses with me or send news via snail mail.

Jane Riles took her annual summer artists' workshop in Cannes, France. She has since returned home to San Diego, Calif., where her daughter, Marguerite, works as a nurse practitioner, Marguerite and her husband have a son, Abner. Older daughter Annelise and her husband teach at Cornell University; they have a child named Xavier.

Jane was delighted to have visited with **Connie Booth Logothetis**, Andy, and their new dog, Fiona, in Wilmington. She also visited Great Falls, Va., to see **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and Clarence, a docent at the Library of Congress. Clara Sue organized another very successful quilt show at her church fair in September. She finished her last chemo treatment in October.

Sally Barlow Smith-Miller, who was with us junior and senior years, married Chris Miller a week after our graduation. They have been adventuring since then, including living 11 years in New Zealand, but have returned to Fellsmere, Fla., to be close to their three sons and five grandchildren. **Pat Scott Peck** was Sally's roommate both years. Pat's brother and only sibling, Tom, died suddenly last November in Washington, D.C. He had been ill for several years. **Carolyn Spell Robertson**, of Pensacola, Fla., is retired, having worked in her husband's dental office as his business manager for a number of years. She was concerned about not knowing what to do after devoting 21 years to office, church, ministry, and family matters.

Kay Slaughter works half time for Southern Environmental Law Center and teaches an environmental and land use law class at U.Va. **Barbara Steen Paulman** of Barrington, Ill., husband Roger, and **Prudie Shepard** went camping on the Georgian Bay in Ontario recently. Pru has retired, lives in Sandy Hook, Conn., and is in great shape. Barbara and Roger keep active – traveling, playing tennis, playing bridge, and gardening. Every year, around March, they visit daughter Julia and family in England for a month. They frequently visit their son, Fred, and his family, who live nearby in Illinois.

The **Saunders** twins were world travelers in 2006; their most recent trip was nine-days of yacht sailing around the Cyclades in Greece. In addition, **Eleanor Saunders Sunderland** has been to Paris, Milan, Eastern Turkey, Cyprus, and London. Fortunately, for the holidays she planned to be home in Falls Church, Va., with her three children, five grandchildren, and her ex-husband. **Judy Saunders Slifer** enjoyed another cruise in June to Alaska, while Bob happily stayed home with their cat in Crownsville, Md.

Polly Updegraff Champ is still involved with the theater. She worked

wardrobe for the *Mamma Mia* touring company in September and *Carmen* at the Connecticut Opera in October. They winter in Delray Beach, Fla. It was so special to me to see and chat with **Katharine Nell Robinson May** at the reunion. She is gorgeous and seems to be loving life with Richard in Williamsburg. They take advantage of the College of William and Mary activities and seem to enjoy various sporting events and travel. Last year they traveled to South Africa, Egypt, and England.

Aggie Welsh Eyster is still in San Antonio, Texas, and was named 2006 Artist of the Year by the San Antonio Art League. She considered it thrilling to be chosen, as each year the honor goes for something different and can be a young emerging artist or an established one. She thinks her work stirred things up since it includes everything from traditional transparent watercolor to recycled materials. She and Dick have four grandchildren; they report that life is good.

As for an update on my activities, Sandy and I continue to enjoy our lives and his "semi"-retired status. We planned to spend two weeks in November and February in Boca Grande, Fla., and hope to join the UMW trip to the Greek Isles and Turkey in June.

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Betsy Stanley Klein hopes she will have moved in to their renovated home by the time you read this. She continues to enjoy her 18-month-old grandson.

Carol Major Smith and her husband of 41 years, Ben, live in Sharps, Va., in the Northern Neck. Ben is in the oyster and packaged ice business with their son. Their two daughters live in Richmond, and one has two children. Carol retired after 16 years as alumnae director/coordinator of special events at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock. Their travels have included a trip to England and several cruises – one to the Panama Canal.

Linda Reading Pullen lives in Dallas near her daughter, Anne. **Susan Turner Weaver** lives in Costa Mesa, Calif., and has two grown children. **Judy Bailey Givens** lives in Denver and has four grown children. **Ann Little Preece** makes her home in Atlanta.

Jean Gano Neisius has lived in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for 17-plus years and received her doctorate in English at Texas Christian University. On a part-time basis, she teaches college-level English, mostly writing. Last fall she really felt she was returning home to Virginia when she taught at VMI for a semester, had four classes of "rats," and loved every minute of it. Her oldest, a Naval Academy grad, is in D.C. as a Naval Reservist, but should be back in Dallas soon. Both daughters live in Dallas with their husbands. One has two small sons, so they get to see their grandparents often. Last year, Jean and her husband of 41 years, David, traveled to Machu Picchu, where they climbed from the city, at 7,000 feet, to the Sun Gate, at 9,400 feet! They also visited the Galapagos Islands and planned to see Germany and Austria in the spring.

Norma Bass Mears has lived in Virginia Beach since 1982 when the Marine Corps transferred Don to Norfolk. She taught elementary school at Quantico, Camp Lejeune, and in Virginia Beach; she retired in 2004. Norma's daughter, her husband, and their two children live nearby. Norma's son lives in Richmond with his wife; they were expecting a child in March. In the fall of 2005, Norma and Don traveled to Italy and France, where her art history degree came in handy.

Marilyn E. Washburn has been an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ for 26 years and a pastor at Faith United Church of Christ in Frederick, Md., for 16 years. She chairs the board of directors of Interfaith Housing Alliance, the largest nonprofit affordable housing builders in the state, and she spent a week last year assisting hurricane survivors in Mississippi. She continues to knit, something she began in college, and when she retires in a couple of years, she plans to knit for profit!

Anne Raymond Hufnagel and Fred are finally in their renovated house and love it! They have a new grandson, born last July. Their Naval Academy group met in Atlanta this year; next year they will meet in Tuscany. **Virginia McClenahan Denny** is widowed with one son. She is controller/treasurer of an electrical supply house in central New Jersey. Anne's roommate, **Jessie Weisiger Dyess**, also widowed, is a retired school teacher. Jessie lives in Jacksonville, Fla., and has one son. Anne and Jessie keep in touch and have traveled together to Europe, England, Scotland, and Ireland.

After teaching Spanish for 21 years in Millburn, N.J., **Linda Hopkins Lapin** retired to Southern California with husband Ken. Son David lives in Simi Valley, Calif., so they see their grandson often. Their other son, Jason, his wife, and two children live in Las Vegas, Nev.

Marietta "Bunnie" Hirschhorn Montgomery and husband Wally live in Belton, Texas, where he retired from the Army at Fort Hood. Bunnie taught English for the Killeen Independent School District until she retired in 2003; she continues to work part time for University of Mary Hardin Baylor and for an alternative teacher certification program. Daughter Lorie's husband is with the U.S. Coast Guard stationed with the embassy in Trinidad/Tobago. Beth's husband, Rob, is career Air Force and attends the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. They have one daughter, with another on the way.

Mary F. Blatcher said **Julia Welde Palmer** and husband Charlie stopped by her home in Rice, Va., last October on their way to Richmond. On their trip they also visited **Romine R. Newsome** in Windsor, Va. It seems like yesterday Romine and I were bridesmaids in Julia's wedding! **Linda Rudd Davis** retired from medical practice management when she and husband Peter moved from Arizona to Maine in May 2006. They moved to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter whom they visit often as it is a two-hour drive away. Their son and his wife now live in New York State and are within commuting distance. Last summer, **Betsy Churchman Geary**, husband Raymond, and **Peggy Morgan Tarr** – all from Columbia, S.C. – visited us for a week.

Peggy Mitchell Bliss, our classmate and a Skidmore graduate, retired from media/video production at the Hartford (Conn.) Hospital after 23 years. She has started the University of Connecticut master gardener program to keep her brain working. "Now, I've learned why my grapes died 40 years ago," she said. She maintained the Connecticut Herb Society's Herb Garden in Hartford as her internship, and she volunteered in the University's Extension Office. There she got to know one of her master gardener classmates who graduated from UMW 40 years after her. They compared differences in their classes and college life and enjoyed much laughter.

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Last summer, **Sue Wooldridge Rosser**, **Carolyn Shockey Moore**, and I met in Virginia Beach for a mini-reunion. We had fun reminiscing about old times and marveling at how none of us had changed a bit in the 40-plus years since our last get together! Sue and I continue to meet in Atlanta when she visits her son, Reed. I try to send the unedited version of our classmates' notes to everyone on my email list; however, many of you have changed your addresses and a few of you control spam by censoring your emails. If you want to get news from me and all your sisters, please add me to your approved list or email me your new address.

Life in North Carolina is still wonderful for **Penny Partridge**. In March 2006, she visited daughter Lisa and her family in Kobe, Japan. She had an intense immersion in Japanese culture that included beautiful shrines, temples, gardens, and lots of Buddhas. She had a fabulous time sightseeing and hanging with grandsons Zach, 5, and Jonah, 3. In April, granddaughter Ellie Maguire was born to Trisha and her husband who live about ten minutes from Penny's home in Holly Springs. So with 2-year-old Aidan and his new baby sister, life got even better! Penny planned to teach at Wake Tech Community College in the fall so she can pay for her passions.

Lee Smith Musgrave had macular surgery last March. The surgery was a piece of cake, she said, but the recovery – face down for two weeks plus six weeks of minimized activity – was a mental and physical challenge.

Even though **Janet Hess Bello** is a "Grammy," she seems to be more active than ever in her profession. After she and Joe raised two sons, mostly in Atlanta, they make their home in Rhode Island. They have a combined family that includes four granddaughters, a new grandson, and another who was expected in January.

Missy Bush Shives took a 16-day trip to Albania, Macedonia, Northern Greece, and Bulgaria. She traveled from the Adriatic to the Black Sea and visited Alexander the Great's birthplace in Pella, Greece. **Margaret "Meg" Cobourn John** retired last December from AT&T. She is heading to warmer climes – Myrtle Beach, S.C. By the next issue, she should be happily ensconced in her condo 10 miles from the beach.

Lisa Corder Wharton lives in Georgetown, Del., and is a former teacher of Latin and French. She spent the last 16 of her teaching years in a classroom across the hall from **Donna Lingo Rauch**, who was her roomie for their sophomore and senior years at Mary Washington. They have both retired, mainly to be able to coordinate care for ailing parents. Lisa has a wonderful husband and two grown children who live nearby. They love to travel and spend every weekend they can at their home on the Chesapeake. She travels often with **Trudy Kitchen Kohl**, who was at Mary Washington

for two years. Trudy lives in Virginia Beach, and together they have traveled to France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Hong Kong, and Spain.

Anabel Williams Greenlee and husband John celebrated their 41st anniversary while walking Hadrian's Wall in England. She first heard of the wall while in Dr. Lindsey's British history class at Mary Washington, and she developed an immediate desire to walk it. While there, she made a pilgrimage to the Abbey of St. Bede the Venerable in Newcastle.

Evelyn "Evie" Crews King-Cox survived her first hurricane on the Northern Neck in Virginia. The water rose to six feet above flood stage (higher than during Hurricane Isabel in 2004).

Susan Cutler Oertel's husband, Bob, was elected to the Cumberland County, Va., Board of Supervisors. Susan was pleased and proud to have been appointed to the Cumberland County Social Services Board in July 2006 for a four-year term. It was a particularly meaningful appointment for her since, before retiring in 2000, she was in the social services field for 32 years and had been director of Social Services Department. In October, she was elected to a three-year term as an elder in her church, Cumberland Presbyterian.

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Barbara Bishop Mann traveled from Richmond in September with **Jana Privette Usry** to attend the inauguration of Dr. Frawley, the new UMW President. After an impressive ceremony and luncheon, they drove around Fredericksburg, stopping – of course – by Carl's. They also met **Gerry Sargent Habas** and her husband at the luncheon and visited with them later at the inaugural ball.

Grace Marie Bamforth Garriott wrote from Virginia Beach that she enjoyed at mini-reunion last summer with **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**, from Alexandria, Va.; **Dinah Walsh Eitelman**, from Hampton, Va.; and **Pat Johnson Orgain**, from Chesapeake,Va. It was the first time all four of them had been together since graduation. Grace Marie and Pat have visited regularly, while accompanying their husbands to Charlottesville to attend U.Va. football games. Grace Marie has retired from teaching and is encouraging husband Dick to cut his work week back to three days. Two of their children and all five grandchildren live in the Virginia Beach area and participate in many family events. Their youngest daughter lives in Greenville, N.C. Grace sends fond greetings to Dr. Van Sant, our beloved class sponsor, and is sorry to have missed seeing him at our reunion last June. Pat and Frank, now retired, have earned their real estate licenses and spend their spare time playing golf. Pat has joined the Class of '65's group of cancer survivors and is happily enjoying good health.

Sally Souder wrote that she has moved into a condo in Bradenton, Fla., where the landscaping is worthy of a botanical garden. After settling in, she planned a December trip to Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. **Nancy Dean Wolff** of Marysville, Wash., was disappointed her Reunion plans didn't materialize and she sends her best wishes to all. She and her husband enjoy the water and the mountains and are looking forward to the arrival of their first grandchild this year. Nancy has been self-employed for 26 years with the flexibility of working from her home. After her husband's retirement this year, they plan to spend more time together, travel, and perhaps rekindle old friendships.

Pam Kearney Patrick of Alexandria, Va., is still active with watercolor art. She had two pieces on display at the Alexandria City Hall as part of the mayor's first Art of the City exhibit and has another there in the second show. In December, she displayed several works at the 14th annual watercolor art show at St. Andrew's Church in Arlington. Pam's roomie, **Carol Bingley Wiley**, also an artist, was scheduled to visit this winter from Newcastle, Maine.

Peggy Beeler Burns and husband Norm have lived five years now in a golf community in Dade City, Fla., about an hour from both Tampa and Orlando. Peggy enjoys the warm winter days there, which nurture her love of gardening. She and Norm make frequent trips back to Illinois and Wisconsin to visit daughter Kristin, Norm's family, and mutual friends. Last November, while visiting son Jay and his wife, Stephanie, Peggy spent a day with her roomie, Pam Patrick. Jay and Stephanie are both captains in the Air Force. Jay, a JAG member, returned safely from a tour in Baghdad and is anticipating a promotion to major this spring.

Anita Hening Stephens lived in Virginia Hall freshman year and transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University, where she received her degree. She kept in touch with **Susan Bogese Wagner** and has reconnected with her roommates, **Prentiss Davies Murphy** and **Carol Pettigrew Hallman**. **Catherine Cargle Catchpole** emailed that she and her husband live in Wellesley, Maine, where they own and manage a high-tech public relations firm. They have two sons. One is in New Jersey with his wife and two children; the other is in Seattle, and plans to marry in June. Despite their busy work schedule, the Catchpoles manage to travel frequently to visit their sons and grandchildren.

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Carole Trent Fletcher is retired and has relocated to her childhood home in Kilmarnock, Va. After Carole's parents passed away, she and her husband maintained their home in Springfield as well as her parents' home in Kilmarnock, until they finally decided to leave Northern Virginia. They certainly do not miss the Springfield interchange! With much more space, they enjoy vegetable and flower gardening, church and community activities, and traveling to see their widely scattered family of four children and two grandsons. Eldest son David is a government contracts attorney in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Jen, and sons, Riley, 5, and Will, 3. Second son, Wade, is a doctor of internal medicine who recently relocated to Savannah, Ga.'s Memorial Hospital. Daughter Kacy is a "headhunter" in Charlotte, N.C. Her specialty is placing and relocating medical personnel, and she planned to marry in February. Youngest son, Brandt, is a representative for Konica-Minolta, living and working in Alexandria, Va.

Anne Powell Young, of Knoxville, Tenn., and her family enjoyed a great week in the Outer Banks, N.C., where she witnessed grandson Kevin take his first steps. Ryan, 3, climbed to the top of Currituck Lighthouse without her, because Anne's "climbing days are over!" Anne scheduled a family reunion in Fredericksburg for Thanksgiving weekend as a memorial to her mother, who passed away in March. She said she "raked up more leaves from the family tree than she knew existed." Anne has resumed her Mind Benders program for high-functioning senior citizens at a nursing home in Oak Ridge, which she describes as "teaching the gifted and talented without discipline problems." Anne and **Betty Birkhead Vickers**, of Sevierville, Tenn., have enjoyed some wonderful outings since they rediscovered each other in Tennessee. Betty remains constantly immersed in a variety of church and civic activities, taking the "Volunteer State" quite literally. Betty expected her fourth grandson in February. She also mentioned her former roommate, **Kathryn "Taffy" Copper Aranda '67**, who actually graduated from Goucher College in Maryland. After the death of her husband, Kathryn is remarried and is the executive director of downtown development in Waynesboro, Va.

Susie Williams Cluff, of Alexandria, Va., and husband Mike took a long trip to California in October. Her sister in Beverly Hills took them shopping on Rodeo Drive and to dinner with cousin Jack and his wife. They traveled to Escondido to visit a widowed aunt, then on to San Diego for Mike's reunion with 40 of his Marine Corps buddies from the Basic School Class of '62. Susie and Mike looked forward to having son Michael, his wife Ronda, and granddaughter Grace at Thanksgiving, followed by

Susie's sister Sharon and husband Lou for Christmas.

Midge Meredith Poyck, of Lexington, S.C., wrote in November that she had just returned from a wonderful 10-day trip through upstate New York, touring the Finger Lakes region, Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin-Martin House in Buffalo, and the magnificent Niagara Falls. She bravely hiked the impressive Watkins Glen Gorge and scaled a 36-foot vertical wall! The glorious fall colors enhanced the whole experience. Midge spent Thanksgiving in Tucson with her daughter and family, then headed back to UMW to attend a Foundation function.

Carolyn Eldred, of Silver Spring, Md., wrote that she moved back to the D.C. area in 2005. For the two decades before, she had lived in New York City, Philadelphia, and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. In 1993 she moved up from employee status to independent consulting, which, with the support of technology, allowed her some geographical freedom. She had been a full-time resident of the Outer Banks since 1997, overseeing survey research projects supporting the evaluation of a variety of social policy initiatives. Now Carolyn is "pretty much retired," enjoying the environs of Washington, D.C., and hopes to see us all at our next reunion and other UMW events.

Nancy Shackelford Jones, of New York, wrote that she and husband Jeff visited China in October with a Yale Alumni tour. The trip included visits to Beijing, Xi'an, the Three Gorges Dam, a boat trip up the Yangtze River, and a stop in Shanghai. The huge country offered breathtaking sights, unusual sounds in the language and the music of the Beijing Opera, unique foods, and spectacular changes to a culture that has survived for 5,000 years.

Kathleen Crawford Hoffman, of Reva, Va., wrote on her 63rd birthday. She is still deputy director of the Association of Social Work Boards and has made recent business trips to Los Angeles and New Brunswick, Canada. Kathleen and husband Jack took a leisurely vacation in San Diego where the warmth more than compensated for the long flight and encouraged her to think about retirement.

Linda Mitchell Spiers continues to thrive in her ministry in Collinsville, Conn. Although she is rarely able to travel south except to visit her aging mother, Linda hasn't given up on attending one of our reunions. **Bonnie Bobbitt Cooke,** of Montross, Va., reports that she is completing her 27th year with Westmoreland County Schools, 23 as a middle-school librarian. She enjoys her 2-year-old granddaughter, Molly Nevin, the daughter of **Sarah Cooke Nevin '93**. Molly's sibling was due in March.

Lenore Gilbert Bowne, of New Hope, Pa., missed our reunion because of moving into her new house. She asked about **Pam Wald Wagner**, of McLean, Va.

Marty Spigel Sedoff, of Edina, Minn., like me, is still hooked on freecell solitaire, but, unlike me, is not trying to get into the Guinness Book of Records. Marty is having fun working as a technical project manager dealing with the spin-off activities of Ameriprise Financial from American Express. After work, she volunteers at Edina High School where her husband is the new theater manager, and she participates in water aerobics and a book club. Son, John Riedlinger, was in town for several months from Los Angeles to act in the play "Mother Courage" with the Frank Theater. He received rave reviews in the *Star Tribune* and Marty is still beaming with pride. Younger son, Jim, won a year-long internship with Weyerhauser Paper in Hawesville, Ky., and consequently is taking his "junior year abroad" to gain some chemical engineering experience. The job is great, but the cultural difference between Minneapolis and a very small town is a hurdle, and he was really glad to have his parents visit in September. **Judy Wells Clark**, of Roanoke, Va., continues to work for Opera Roanoke serving as education/development associate and rehearsal pianist. She is in Kiwanis Club and is her church's organist.

Roberta James East, of Purcellville, Va., took a break from the flower farm to indulge in a "chick trip" to Colorado with five other gals. They went from Boulder to Pegosa Springs, barely made it through Wolf Creek Pass before the road was closed due to snow (in September!), and took a memorable dinner train through a magnificent gorge. Robbie spent a relaxing week in Southport, N.C., then she traveled to Florida to visit her daughter and family. She helped organize a very successful "Miss Spider's Tea Party" for her 5-year-old granddaughter, complete with 12 handmade spiderweb cakes. All the children and grandchildren planned to spend Christmas with Robbie and Dennis, Robbie planned to travel to Brussels in April for a garden tour.

Kay Smith Majeski's father passed away last year, and she has consequently moved to Charlotte, N.C. Kay welcomed her second grandchild and celebrated son Jim's wedding in May. Both he and his bride are FBI agents.

Cherie Wells Brumfield, of Port Orange, Fla., keeps busy at the computer doing genealogy research and visits her younger daughter and 4-year-old grandson in Orlando. Her husband is retired, so they go snorkeling in the Florida Keys with their elder daughter. They spent a lovely, long weekend in New Orleans and a large part of the summer just "floatin' around in the swimming pool, looking forward to the holidays."

Susanne Landerghini Boehm, of Vienna, Va., plans to continue managing her music agency, which places talented musicians in local engagements. Husband Ralph continues to teach public school orchestra, both in high school and elementary school, and is considering retirement now that his 30th anniversary is approaching. Her younger son, Karl, is public relations director of a graphics business in Pasadena, Calif. Elder son, Maurice, changed jobs to work at Lockheed Martin in Reston, Va., where he can better use his information-management-services degree and love of challenges.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach, of Reston, Va., has decided to retire and it should be official by the time this is published. With three grown children, six grandchildren, and a host of cousins who love to travel and visit, they say Sandra "should install a revolving front door at her house." Son Ricky and family live nearby and are active with a landscaping business plus Boy Scout activities. Son Brandon and family are still in Croatia but manage to come home at least once a year. Daughter Amy recently finished a six-month term in a nursing exchange program in Sydney, Australia. She and husband Shawn, who telecommutes, were looking to relocate to the Denver area after spending a month's vacation with Sandra.

Hank and I maintain the status quo with our very large blended family, the export licensing business, our sailing club, church, church music, math tutoring, and a myriad of activities. We traveled to Chihuahua, Mexico, in October for a short business trip and thoroughly enjoyed the change of pace, change of scene, and a refresher Spanish course for me. The shuttle bus driver asked me, the only blonde in town, if I was from Argentina! The magnificent baroque cathedral and Pancho Villa's house, the museum of the revolution, and the Museum of the Mammoth were enough to hold our interest in the little spare time we had.

Thanks to all of you for making the Class of '66 the most generous class of all with your contributions to the reunion class gift. We managed to raise a record dollar amount with 53 percent participation, and we will be duly recognized in the *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts*. As you can see by our class notes, too, we are still an awesome class! Congratulations to everyone!

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After graduating from Mary Washington, **Elisabeth Young Pendley** received her J.D. from the University of Wyoming College of Law. Living in the Rocky Mountain west, she and her husband of 36 years raised two sons. One is an officer in the Marine Corps and is happily married to a charming veterinarian; the other is a student, actor, and screenwriter in New York City. Lis teaches fourth- and fifth-grade Sunday school, works with Christian outreach, practices law, feeds elk with perennials from her garden, and hikes with her dogs. She has just published her book *Marriage Works! Before You Say "I Do."*

Lynne Guindon Heflin and husband Rob live in Winston-Salem, N.C. She works at Wake Forest University with the men's basketball program, so they are busy going to the many athletic events during the year. They are fortunate that they live only an hour from their two grandchildren – Anna, 4, and Clay, 6 months. The highlight of last spring was their amazing trip to the southern part of Spain, and they hope to go to Italy in the future.

Susan Spencer Collins, of Birmingham, Ala., keeps busy sewing and waiting for grandchildren to visit. Husband Mike is semi-retired – cutting his hours from 80 to 40 per week – and now specializes in geriatrics. He still does hospital work, takes calls, and has clinics in various nursing homes so that patients and their families don't have to travel to the doctor's office. Susan has heard from **Florence Bishop**, who had breast cancer and flooding problems. Last spring, Susan and Mike went to Mike's 35th medical school reunion and she saw her old U.Va. roommate, **Betsy Gantsoudes,** who is as pretty as ever. Betsy married Steven Robeson, a med student who had been in Mike's class. Betsy has been office manager in her husband's office since he opened his practice in Santa Fe, N.M.

Doris Smith Parrish lived and worked in the Annapolis, Md., area for 24 years, then she and husband Steve longed for a new adventure. In 1991, she left employment with Aeronautical Radio Inc., and he transferred from the Naval Academy to the Indian Health Service in Albuquerque, N.M. Although they loved the culture change and the climate there, they moved back to Virginia in 1998 to help aging parents. In 2005, Doris joined Steve in retirement. Their daughters, Jennifer and Julianne, also have moved around the country. Jennifer's family recently moved from Las Vegas to Virginia; Doris and Steve enjoy having Cody and Tyler close by. Juli's family moved from Phoenix to Houston. Her children, Michael and Reanna, escape the desert heat for about six weeks each summer in Virginia with Doris and Steve. In the winter months, Doris and Steve travel in the southwest and they've also discovered cruising.

Double Major Melds Cultures and Culture

Laura Titus '07 had a choice – play the large, curving pianoforte Mozart *might* have used or the teetering box of a clavichord on which the genius *certainly* had made his ethereal music.

The scenario was this: the staff at Mozart's Austrian birthplace had agreed to allow a member of the touring University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra to play one of the priceless instruments. The musicians gave Titus the honor, hoping she would choose the round and graceful pianoforte.

But Titus – a pianist, violinist, and major in both music and international affairs –headed for the tiny clavichord and placed her hands where Mozart had set his. Despite the nearly inaudible tones and disappointed friends, Titus knew she had made the right choice: the instrument connected her to Mozart the child prodigy, Mozart the fallible man, and Mozart the voice of God.

"It was really amazing, because I guess we get this image in our heads of famous people being so removed from us," said Titus, 22. "But to see that he was just a human and he played on a physical instrument just like we do – that is something I will never forget in my whole life."

Titus' drive to understand the human condition is what drew her to Mary Washington's distinguished political science department. The New York state native landed in international affairs, where she hoped not only to learn about people, but how to help them.

Even so, Titus couldn't give up the music she had played since kindergarten. At UMW, she auditioned for the orchestra on violin, took theory as a general education requirement, studied piano, and drew the attention of music professors. At their urging, she auditioned for the Aurelia B. Walford music scholarship – which she won – and started toward a second major.

Laura Titus '07

She was amazed, she said, at how much performance experience UMW gives its musicians. One especially memorable opportunity was when she soloed at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., in *Native Voices*, a chamber series by Craig Naylor, assistant professor of music. That collaboration with American Indian composers resonated with Titus' passion for cultures.

"Performing with those different groups – duets, ensembles, solo – was wonderful, and it also made me think of what art could convey about the lesser-known problems people face," Titus said. That melding of cultures, combined with a UMW course on economics of philanthropy, raised a question for Titus: "What are some unconventional ways of handling these problems and making an impact in ways that are not celebrated in the media."

By her senior year, Titus had nearly finished both majors, toiled hours each day in practice rooms, and returned time after time to the stage. As graduation neared, she gave her recital and presented her senior seminar. For that, she chose the life and music of Chinese-American Tan Dun.

During the Cultural Revolution, Tan Dun was sent to a rice plantation, where he learned the music of Chinese peasants and conducted a band of farmers. Eventually, the Beijing-trained composer came to the U.S., where he won a Grammy for the music of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

Tan Dun and others who bring the stories of small communities to the world stage inspire and educate, Titus said.

"That whole sort of socio-economic picture gets transmitted through their music, and we start to learn not only about those people, but also about their needs," Titus said. "I see myself playing a role in that world in the future, making people aware of what is going on elsewhere. I don't know how that will be part of a career, but I do see myself being involved."

– Neva S. Trenis

At Doris' 40th high school reunion, she met up with Willard dorm mates, **Glennis Carr Neuhauser** and **Win Berry Baker**, who are both doing well. She also caught up with her high school and college classmate, **Helen Holland Baker**, who lives in Fredericksburg. Doris and Steve got together with one of her best friends from Willard, **Laura Jo Newton Payne**, who married Steve's childhood friend and also moved back to Virginia in 1998.

Christine Brooks writes that she worked as a computer programmer for 30 years after majoring in English at Mary Washington. After retiring from that job, she is working as a technical writer/documentation specialist for Harris Corp., whose client is the State Department. She works closely with programmers who write software for non-immigrant visa applications. People all over the world use Harris software when applying for a visa to visit our country. After her mother died in 1987, Christine bought, renovated, and moved into her parents' home in Vienna, Va. Last year, she added a sunroom next to the woods; both Christine and her kitty love it!

After teaching in Prince William County, Va., until 1996, **Mary Beth Bush Dore** moved in 2001 from Haymarket, Va., to Beaufort, S.C. After retiring from the federal government in 2002, husband Casey joined her. They have loved the Low Country of South Carolina ever since they honeymooned at Hilton Head in 1967, when Hilton Head was new and uncrowded. They have a home on a tidal creek and really enjoy the crabbing and shrimping. They also have an RV, travel quite a bit, and have been as far west as Wyoming and Colorado. Mostly they go back and forth to Maryland in the spring and fall to their sailboat at Solomons, Md., where they've sailed since 1983. Along the way they visit their daughter, **Ginger Dore Marshall '94**, who lives in Virginia. Many years ago, Mary Beth and Casey discovered cruising in the Caribbean, and in 2005 they branched out with a cruise in Alaska and a land trip to the Arctic Ocean, following the pipeline. They also planned a cruise to Hawaii.

Sheri Gates Brindle and husband Paul retired in 2001 and began some serious cruising on their boat, *Twelfth of Never*, their residence since 1999. For two years, they cruised up and down the Intracoastal Waterway from the top of Chesapeake Bay to the Florida Keys and back to Virginia. They were off the boat for a year after that while Sheri recuperated from being hit by a pickup truck while crossing the street. They sold their condo in Virginia and took the boat down the Waterway to Sanford, Fla., where they live in a marina on the St. John River, just outside Sanford. In 2005, they spent three months camping throughout Europe in a VW camper. Their younger son, Damon, was stationed in Germany at the time, so they used his house as a base. Damon and wife Cindy joined them on a couple of journeys. Sheri and Paul visited some of Paul's family in England and then visited Wales for the first time. After returning, they worked for a FEMA subcontractor, taking applications from 2005 hurricane victims. Sheri says this was a very heart-wrenching experience. In 2005, Sheri and Paul drove across country and enjoyed a great visit with older son Chris, his wife, Michele, and their three boys, who live in San Diego. Then they explored southern Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. They also drove up the Pacific coast to central Oregon, headed inland, and visited Washington before going to British Columbia, Vancouver, and Victoria, where Paul went to high school. When they headed back home, they tent-camped most of the time and stopped in Oklahoma, where son Damon is now stationed.

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Last July, **Edith "Dibby" Clark** enjoyed an "outdoor" vacation in Oregon, taking in the beautiful scenery of Mt. Hood, the Columbia River Gorge, and Crater Lake. Last year, she visited Istanbul, Turkey, and Cappadocia. After crossing the rugged Taurus Mountains, she continued to the Turquoise Coast where she went cruising and hiking. She has done some home remodeling, and she really is enjoying retirement!

Kirsten Mackey Fleisher has been living in Newtown, Pa., for 30 years. Since graduation, she spent most of her career teaching kindergarten or first grade in Trenton. For the past few summers, Kirsten has been a part of a medical mission team that travels to central Guatemala. She organizes and implements the "duffel bag" pharmacy, traveling from village to village. Last year she also helped Liberian refugees in her school district adjust socially and academically.

Last year, **Martha Veasey Sawyer**'s beloved cat, Shadow, finally succumbed. However, two new kittens, Butch and Sunny, are now keeping Martha and husband Roger entertained. I continue to enjoy hearing

about all the "critters" that keep them company on their property, including bucks and bears. **Gaye Gregory Elliott** was back at Mary Washington last August helping her son, Matt, move into air-conditioned Willard Hall. Gee, I don't recall dorms being air-conditioned when we were there; however, I do remember the window fans!

After her husband's death in 2005, **Brenda Jennings Louthian** sold the farm and moved into a new home. Her daughter bought an adjoining property, and now Brenda can see her grandsons, 5 and 2, regularly. Brenda's other neighbor is **Betsy Guilliams Haynes '90**, and they delight in talking about our alma mater. Brenda retired from teaching in 2005 and also enjoys retirement. She had a partial knee replacement last year that helped relieve her pain. Her son, Todd, is engaged and plans to be married at Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee in June.

Ted and I continue to enjoy our mountains and the Appalachian State University football games. Last July, I enjoyed a road trip to Pennsylvania with my sister and my parents to visit family. On the way back to my sister's home in Richmond, we stopped in Fredericksburg to visit my Dad's cousin and her husband. Their daughter, **Lucille Cascio Cralle '67**, is a Mary Washington alumna. When I was a high school senior, Lucille graciously hosted me one weekend so that I could experience college life and influenced my decision to apply to Mary Washington – a decision that I never regretted.

Please write and send your news. I would love to hear from you.

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Julie Obarski Simpson and I were at a Reunion planning meeting recently, and there are some new and interesting changes in the weekend lineup. We hope everyone will try to make it for the entire weekend. Given some of the horror stories about getting stuck in traffic on I-95 over the past few years, we encourage you all to take that Friday off and get an early start. There will be plenty to do. By the time you read this, you should have received a letter from Julie about the upcoming events – Friday evening promises to be even more special than usual.

Julie and John still live in Fredericksburg, where Julie works as a business consultant for Caldwell Associates, which specializes in travel and entertainment; John is a commercial real estate broker for Prudential Simpson Associates. Son Trey is a senior at Hampden-Sydney with a major in philosophy, and daughter Cara is a sophomore at Fredericksburg Academy.

What a pleasure it was to interact with Julie and **Brenda Franklin**, who is part of the gift-giving committee. Brenda retired in March after nearly 34 years with the government. The finale in her career was in the congressional liaison area, but she spent time early on as an air traffic controller in order to see the operational side of aircraft, worked in factories where aircraft were built and tested, and worked in program offices where aircraft were designed and financed. One assignment took her to Melbourne, Australia, where she worked on the Navy's sale of fighter jets to the Royal Australian Air Force. Most of the aircraft she worked on also have been retired, and the office building where she worked was torn down to create the new Air Force memorial.

Cheryl Prietz Childress and husband Dave have also retired; Cheryl from her many years as a librarian and Dave from more than 30 years with HUD. Their farm is an empty nest, with daughter Thea in her freshman year at Virginia Tech. Cheryl and Dave are catching up on home maintenance and hope to travel

My dear friend, **Norah Heckman,** says that Crystal City and the surrounding area have grown by leaps and bounds and we probably won't recognize the area when we see it again.

Lorraine Wright Feuerstein '73 and husband, Steve (actor, Stephen Furst) live in Moorpark, Calif. In the years since earning her law degree from Pepperdine, Lorraine has worked part time for a friend and is handling pro bono work and some other matters from her house now. Husband Steve has written a book and is a spokesman for the American Diabetes Association in addition to the enjoyable roles we have watched him in over the years. Son Nathan was a child actor for a time and is now composing. Younger son Griff does some acting and plays in a band.

As for life in Baltimore, Dennis has also retired. He will probably pick up something part-time, but for now still is enjoying catching up on rest. My job continues at a good clip at the ever growing law firm of DLA Piper, where it seems that every month another office opens somewhere around the world. I still find time for some freelance singing, framing sheet music, and quilting.

Let's make this reunion the best attended ever!

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From Betsey:

The fall season was a busy one for the Williamsons. First we went to Europe, where we explored Austria, southern Germany, and Switzerland. After returning home and dealing with the mundane necessities of life, we headed northwest to visit friends in Montana and Washington State.

Thanksgiving always means a visit to Virginia with extended family, but Indiana was where we spent Christmas. Our daughters visited from Chicago and Milwaukee, and that is always a memory maker. Please share your special events with your class agents so that we can keep everyone current on the important news concerning members of our class.

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Maureen Argo Marks went back to medical school in 2000 and is in her third year of family practice residency. Maureen is really excited about her new career since it is what she has always wanted to do, and her prerequisites dated back to Mary Washington! Maureen is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for her residency, but she will go back to San Diego, where home really is, once she finishes. She has been married to Bob for 32 years, and they have five children. Maureen's oldest child, Chris, is married and planned to return in December 2006 from his second tour in Iraq. Second child Michael is married and, like Maureen, majored in German. He spent last year in Austria with his wife teaching English. Third child Andrew is a computer engineer in San Diego. Daughter Ellen is a sophomore at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles and plans to go to Madrid next year. Youngest son Daniel is a freshman in high school. Maureen is still an avid swimmer. She and her husband, Bob, have swum from Alcatraz to San Francisco three times, and Maureen does the La Jolla rough water swim every year. Maureen's sister, **Margaret Argo Page '82**, is a Mary Washington alumna. Maureen hears from fellow classmate, **Amy Hoffman Deitch**. Amy has four children and lives in Gettysburg, Pa. Maureen said she saw sophomore roommate **Ellen Flemer** a couple of years ago when Ellen came to visit her son in California. Maureen said **Melody Boch Womble '78** is an attorney and has two children.

Bob Barron celebrated his 15th year at The National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., and his 10th year as the publisher of *Preservation*, the magazine of The National Trust. Bob lives in Old Town, Alexandria, with his partner William Donovan. They purchased a carriage house (circa 1900) in the historic community of Staunton, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. They plan to renovate it as a weekend place.

Barbara Buchanan Shepherd is director of national partnerships in the education department of the Kennedy Center. In that role, she works with 150 communities around the country to strengthen and support arts education programs. Her son, Benjamin, graduated from college this year, and her daughter, Julie, is a high school senior. Barbara's husband of 30 years, Dave, still enjoys teaching high school German.

Faith Geibel Moore is living in a golf/tennis/boating community in eastern North Carolina. Faith works part time with the GED program at the local community college. Her husband retired from the Army six years ago and works with a Department of Defense contractor doing logistics work, which requires a lot of travel. Faith accompanies him when she can. Son Jeff loves living in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., and is quite the snowboarder. Daughter Lauren lives in Alexandria, Va., teaches kindergarten, and plans to be married in July 2007. Faith's youngest child, Christy, is a senior at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. Faith and her husband enjoy good health, travel, and sports.

Jan Pace Brice is executive director of a very nice retirement community. The sad part, Jan says, is that, by the time she retires, she will be eligible to live there! Jan's middle child, Colby, just got voted class clown in his senior year at Lowndes High – something to always cherish! Jan and her youngest child, 15-year-old Rebecca, just returned from a mission trip to Nicaragua. It was Jan's second trip and her daughter's first. Jan said her daughter will go back next year.

After taking two years off from writing, **Carol Pappas Bartold** got a jumpstart at the Summer Seminar for Writers at Sarah Lawrence College, where she took a nonfiction workshop with Vivian Gornick. Carol has drafted a children's book, has an illustrator in Delaware who is working on drawings,

and planned to ship the book to editors and agents at the San Diego State University Writers Conference. She spent Thanksgiving with **Peggy Reinburg**, formerly of the UMW Music Department faculty. Carol sings in Moorpark with the Los Robles Master Chorale.

An empty nest feels quite new and different for **Joanne "Jody" Rehm** after taking her son to Wake Forest University last fall. She is reassessing her job and home, and whether it's time to seek a better quality of life outside the D.C. area. North Carolina is a strong contender, since it's closer to Wake Forest University and definitely closer to the beach!

In early October 2005, **Billie Rosenberger** was in a head-on auto collision with a driver talking on a cell phone. Billie sustained multiple injuries and nearly died; now she is alive and well, but still healing. Billie is working hard to get back to her mural and commission painting, as well as being an exercise teacher at the local YMCA. She and husband, Steve Stroop, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last fall, and Billie said the accident made them appreciate each other that much more. Billie said she would love to hear from her friends at UMW, especially **Melissa Mann, Krysten Hill, Karen Tilley**, and **Sue McCauley**.

If you're looking for a way to get re-connected with former roommates or classmates, you may be able to use the UMW's "Alumni Online Community" program to help. The program allows you to look up fellow classmates' email addresses and, if available, postal addresses. By the time you are reading this article, UMW will have sent out a message to all of us by email regarding the "Alumni Online Community" program. If you use email and didn't receive the University's message, send me your email address, which I will forward to UMW.

It's been great receiving your news and being able to pass it on. Please keep your information coming! Your classmates love hearing how you're doing!

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I am so sorry I am unable to submit any news for this issue. My father has been ill with pneumonia and a stroke, and I haven't been able to devote the time I would have like to to my Class Notes. Please send me news for next time, and I will get it submitted to *TODAY*.

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Please put June 1-3, 2007, on your calendars to attend our 30th – gulp! – Class Reunion at Mary Washington. Come have a great time renewing old friendships and enjoying time on our beautiful and ever-growing campus. We are looking forward to a great turnout with lots of fun activities. Don't miss it!

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The old saying, "No news is good news" does not apply to this column! I know you all want to read about your classmates when you open each new issue of *UMW TODAY*. But without your input, I have no news to report. Please send me an email or a note to let me know what you've been up to!

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In late September, I attended the inauguration of Dr. Frawley. It was a great day and evening, which allowed me to catch up with several alumni.

Jenifer Blair came down from Baltimore. She enjoys her new position with University of Baltimore and represented that institution in the installation ceremony. Shortly thereafter, she spent a week in Sicily with her sister. Eager for a return visit, Jenifer has decided to start taking Italian lessons. **Nancy Kaiser** came to the inauguration from Rehoboth Beach. She stays very busy with her home management/improvement business. **Annmarie Cozzi** made the trek from New Jersey. She stays busy with work and her place at the shore.

We are all very excited about our 25th reunion and look forward to seeing many of you. Please put the date on your calendar now, June 1-3, and plan to take Friday off and come down early for a class dinner.

Roderick Slayton and **Anna Geisler Hogan** have joined JB and me on the reunion giving committee. We are excited about the scholarship opportunities and hope to share those details with you. Remember it's all about participation, so please be nice to the Phonathon callers.

Lori Foster Turley '81 ran into **Ann Madden**. Many of you will remember Ann, who spent her first two years at Mary Washington in Randolph and Russell before transferring to U.Va. to complete her nursing degree. She lives in San Diego and is married to a Navy doctor.

I am traveling a great deal in my new role with UBS but continue to enjoy living in Nashville and looking for country music stars at the grocery store.

Please keep in touch, and I look forward to seeing you at Reunion the first weekend in June.

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Carter Still Sonders accepted the position of chief development officer for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Carter has been in the development office for close to 13 years, first as the director of development, and later, as a major gifts officer. With the big anniversary commemoration and a $24 million campaign to complete, Carter will have her hands full in her new position!

Susan Leavitt biked for 10 days in the Loire Valley with her fiancé Dr. Jon Andrus. **Teresa Childers Peterson** writes that she and Mark are doing fine in Atlanta. Mark conducts marketing research for Honda, and Teresa is a research scientist at Kimberly-Clark. Last spring they went to the Florida Keys and then celebrated their 20th anniversary in Cocoa Beach, where they honeymooned. In October, they camped at St. Andrews State Park in Panama City Beach. They enjoy kayaking and find some really neat places to paddle.

Katherine Farmer continues as a juvenile probation officer with the Henrico Juvenile Court Service Unit, and she is actively involved in the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association. Twin sons Martin and Jonathan have transitioned well into high school this year. **Glen Bell** writes that his boys, 4 and 6, play soccer and baseball while he continues to play soccer and softball. Glen spent a week at a conference and on holiday in Shanghai and Beijing and was even able to take a mountain trail up to and walk along the Great Wall of China.

Joe Davoli was planning a December wedding in Independence, Iowa, to Margaret Hoeger, a chemistry teacher at the Washington International School, a private school in Northwest D.C. Both are members of the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Institution and met at one of their socials in May 2005. **Beth Padgett** writes that son Wes was born last August. She keeps busy with a nearly 2- and a 3-year old.

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A lot of us caught up at our 20th reunion – our largest turnout to date – but, because many couldn't make the trip, here's an update on some of our "MIA" classmates:

After graduating from Mary Washington, **Denise Williams** went to medical school at MCV and has practiced medicine ever since. She is at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and she has lived in Latrobe, Pa., Fredericksburg, Va., Columbus, Ohio, and now resides in Dayton with her husband and two children, ages 11 and 13. Denise is learning sign language and is an active missionary. **Christine Candeloro Szymanski** earned a master's degree in education from Wilmington College in 1994; she works as a math and grammar teacher in grades 4 - 6 at the Tome School in North East, Md. She has been married for nearly 18 years and has three daughters, ages 16, 13, and 8. **Michele Findlay Debuisne** teaches art at the Marymount School in Paris, France. Michele has two children, ages 13 and 11, and was expecting her third in December 2006.

After graduating from law school at the College of William & Mary and

serving as a law clerk for a federal judge in Norfolk, Va., **Mark Payne** rode his bike across the country and never came back! Mark now makes his home in Laguna Beach, Calif., where he and wife Linda are raising their three sons, Dylan, 12; Matthew, 11; and Elias, 8. Mark is a partner Orange County's largest law firm, Rutan & Tucker.

Lee Boyce Moretz, a high school English teacher at Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, Va., lives in Smithfield with her husband and their son, Daniel, 10. **Karen McIntosh**, who has been living in Montana for 12 years, is a therapeutic foster parent to a teenage daughter. As a senior program director for a nonprofit organization, she conducts long-term research in the greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Nancy Hite and her fiancé operate a fishing/diving charter business in Hatteras, N.C. **Henry Talavera** is a lawyer in Dallas, Texas, where he and his wife of 19 years reside with their son, 15, and daughters, ages 18 and 8. **Nancy Trail Holliday**, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker, has settled in Albuquerque, N.M., with husband Jim. Nancy reports that she recently got together with **Anna Kelly Hanback**, **Donna Metzger Lantagne**, and **Cabell Jones** in Richmond, Va., to reminisce and catch up on all of the reunion happenings. **Carole Crist**; husband Chris; and their three children, ages 3, 6, and 9; are living in Puyallup, Wash. After working as a chemist for 11 years, Carol "retired" to take care of her children. **Cathy Quinn** lives in Tucson, Ariz., with her husband, Mike, and two children.

Lori Stephens Huthoefer, husband Jerry, and their four children live in Diamondhead, Miss. **Sarah Martin**, of Boulder, Colo., is active in the music industry. **Alex Samir Aniba** also lives in Colorado and is the chef at Magnolia Steak and Seafood. **Kent Birkle** lives in Louisiana.

In September 2006, **Edie Dunn Dornburg** and husband Jed welcomed a daughter, Emiko Eideh, into the world. **Karen Schrader Rafa** was expecting baby No. 3 in January 2007. Sales are booming at **Jennifer Kirby**'s Richmond gallery, the Crossroads Art Center, so much that the gallery has almost doubled in size! In addition to teaching full time and tending to her three sons, **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt** is also tackling graduate school. **Irene Thomaidis Cimino**, Dominion Virginia Power's public relations manager, was photographed and interviewed for an article in the fall 2006 edition of *Work Magazine*.

For the third consecutive year, **Lisa Harvey** was named as a Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" by *Boston Magazine*. Lisa, **Brenda Thier Evans**, **Mina Holden Horn**, and husband **Todd '84** took in the Virgin Music Festival in Baltimore. Brenda recently went back to work embarking on a new career as a mortgage broker for Wells Fargo. **Michelle Runge** is changing careers – beginning her own business as a trainer on women's issues.

Irene Thomaidis Cimino '86, Dominion Virginia Power's public relations manager, was photographed and interviewed for an article in the fall 2006 edition of Work Magazine.

Brenie Matute is the proud mom of two teenage girls – Brenie, 15, and Michelle, 12 – and stepson Jon, 21, who is a rowing champ. Brenie served four years in the Honduran Ministerial Cabinet and now lives in Montréal, Canada, where she served as General Consul of Honduras. Later, she teamed up with husband Maxime to run a company that assists Canadian businesses with international business development with a focus on Central America. **Donna-Lyn "DL" Mears Fosque**, husband-of-10-years Tim, and 4-year-old-son Isaiah, live in Potomac Falls, Va. Donna-Lyn has been in human resources since leaving Mary Washington and works now for Loudoun County, Va.

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Thank you for taking the time to write, and I know there are still many more of you out there with news to report. Please send me a quick note or email and let me know what you've been up to. I'd love to hear from you!

Paul Walters and his wife, Brandy, enjoy living in the Fredericksburg area and keeping up with their sons Nicholas, 7; Nathan, 3; and Joshua, 1. Paul is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is starting a new church, Grace Lutheran Church, south of Fredericksburg. Recently, he published his second book, *Christ Before Your Marriage, Christ in Your Marriage*, a series of devotions for the first year of marriage.

Jennifer Bryant Langdale and her husband, Jay, are thrilled to be the parents of their son, Alex, whom they brought home from Russia in April 2006, when he was only 15 months old. He is adapting beautifully.

Pamela Richardson Jones and her husband, Jason, welcomed their daughter, Sylvia Camille, in January 2006. After Sylvia's birth, Pamela resigned from her job at the State Department and is a freelance museum registrar in Baltimore, Md.

Leigh Wafle Stoffel and **Sarah Hamblin** enjoyed attending a tennis match together in August at the Legg-Mason Tournament in Washington, D.C. Sarah is a patent attorney in D.C., and Leigh stays busy with her two children in Fredericksburg. **Julia Weddle Ritterbusch** lives in Abingdon, Va., with her husband, Eddie, and son Ben, a fourth-grader. After taking several years off from work, she teaches English as a Second Language at a middle school and tutors adults learning English.

All of **Billy Germelman**'s children are doing well in school, and his career as a nonprofit director is an endless kaleidoscope of fundraising, marketing, social work, and networking. Billy sees **Arty Vogt**, as well as **Martha Bently**, and **Terri Carden**. Billy's freshman roommate, **George "Brad" Fry**, is doing well in New York, where he recently graduated from a culinary arts institute.

Lynne Yankosky Barner's daughter began preschool this year; big brother is 3. Lynne enjoyed seeing a bunch of Mary Washington moms and their little ones back in mid-August, and all are doing well, including **Karen Clegg Blocker**, **Karen Troiano Connell**, **Susan Wise Whittle**, **Laurie Johnson Chidlow**, and **Amy Larsen DeCarlo**.

Evan and **Kim Cosgriff Hart** live in Tennessee. Evan is in his fifth year teaching geography at Tennessee Tech. He says that he owes his interest in geography to Mary Washington professors Palmeri, Bowen, and Gouger. Those of you who had them know what Evan means! He enjoys outdoor activities of all kinds and serves as scoutmaster with the troop at their church. Above all, his favorite words are, "Daddy I'm so glad you're home," spoken by Hannah, 7, and Maura, 5. Kim volunteers at Hannah's school and at church. She runs and won a local 10k last year.

Ben Kramer recently returned from a tour of duty with his National Guard unit. He served a year-and-a-half in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in a light infantry battalion. He went on many missions in the area of Ghazni, Afghanistan and is glad to be home again. His wife, Sherry, is working as a CASA volunteer coordinator, and Ben is working at New River Community College in student activities. Their 12-year-old son, Charles, loves skateboarding. Candace, 9, enjoys soccer. Ben is also studying at Old Dominion University toward a doctorate in community college leadership.

Lisa Williamson Dargay lives in Forest, Va., with husband Jeff; Kayla, 8; and Luke, 6. She co-owns a women's clothing shop, La Li D's Boutique, which keeps her busy. Lisa enjoyed visiting with **Michelle Howe Pearson** and her husband, Kirk, when she was in Boulder, Colo., on business. Michelle and Kirk have three boys – Connor, Alex, and Drew.

Julie King Sturt and **Sam Sturt '92** welcomed their son, Samuel, in January. Julie owns Classic Custom Framing in Fredericksburg, and Sam works for Nationwide Insurance. **Denise Mickelson** and **Todd Campbell** just moved into a new house in Fredericksburg with sons Cody, 9, and Jonathan, 5. Denise works in the library at the Department of Defense, and Todd is a high school football coach.

Selina Lewis Coulbourne lives on the Eastern Shore with husband Mark; daughter Hannah, 10; and twins Samantha and Sawyer, 6. **George Asiello** and his wife, Beth, are proud parents of their first child, Rylee. **Liz Baumgarten Heagy** married two years ago, is living in Leesburg, Va., and runs a national nonprofit focused on nonprofit public policy engagement.

Kirsten Mau had her second child, Sarah, and lives in Denver with

her husband and Sarah's big sister, Jane. **Kathy Guthrie Merzena** and her husband have two girls. They bought a 300-year-old farm in Lambertsville, N.J., on which they keep a dozen sheep! **Meg Feely Wallace** recently welcomed her first child, Alex. Meg and family moved to Monterey, Calif., where her husband got a job with HSBC bank. **Millie Edwards Winstead** is in Charlottesville, Va., with her husband, Rob, and two children, Hannah and Gage.

Jacqueline Hargest lives in Arlington, Va., and has started a job with MITRE Corp. **Raelin Story Lohse** gave birth to her second son and lives in Hollywood, Fla., where both she and her husband are reporters. **Lisa Greene** has relocated to D.C. after 12 years in Atlanta, and she continues to work in human resources.

Laura Hilton English runs a part-time photography business. She has two children, and the family moved to Seattle where her husband took a job with Microsoft. **Amy Goulstone Gronlund**, her husband, and two boys enjoy being back in Lewisburg, Pa., after years in Boston and San Diego. **Julie Booth Burkett**, her husband, and daughter Olivia, just moved to Roanoke and opened a new store called Chocolate Paper. **Andria Kushan** is in Dallas and is a copywriter for The Richards Group. She does ad campaigns for companies like Home Depot. Andria managed to meet and start dating someone she believes to be the only other Mary Washington grad in Dallas: **Lindsay Graham '96**.

Paige Burger Highsmith lives in Santa Clarita, Calif., with husband Dolan, daughter Holly, 4, and son Ewan, 15 months. In September, she became a stay-at-home mom. Over the past three years, she has raised more than $4,000 and completed three triathlons with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. Paige's husband works for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the Mars programs, and they are all enjoying life in Southern California.

Thanks again for all of the updates. I hope to hear from many more of you between now and the next issue of *TODAY*. Please send me your updates as soon as possible.

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We have had such a great outpouring of news! I really appreciate everyone's submissions. Please keep them coming.

As a result of alumni contact for *UMW TODAY*, **Evelina Weidman Sterling** and I are now friends here in Georgia. We live about a mile from each other and are glad to have formed a UMW friendship, since we never even knew each other at school. My husband, John, daughter Mary Ella, 3, son Jack, 2, and I recently had a great dinner at Evelina's home with her husband, Dan, and their two children, Ben and Ellie. John and I are expecting our new au pair from Thailand and hope for happy kids and lots of homemade basil rolls and pad thai. We plan to go to Northern Virginia over the holidays to see my family and my best friend forever, **Hilary Holmes Anderson**, her husband, John, son Ryan, 4, and daughter Natalie, 2.

Jennifer Gavin Miller is a registered nurse, newly trained to work with cardiac patients, at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. She's married to husband Des, and they live with their two Labs. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys doing wine tastings and helping in the vineyard at Unicorn Winery, in Amissville, Va.

Sondi Thomas has finished her post-doctoral studies at Kennedy Space Center and now works for TBE Group as a senior scientist in Everglades restoration. She and husband Chris are doing well in West Palm Beach, Fla. After 12 years in Richmond, **Ralene Jensen Haeberle** is now a lawyer in New Bern, N.C. Husband Robert designs major appliances for Electrolux/Frigidaire. Ralene and Chris welcomed their second child, Samantha Reagan-Marie, last April. Big brother Alex has enjoyed showing her off and teaching her about lizards and frogs – very common backyard creatures where they live on the Neuse River.

Russell Cate and his partner, John, were planning their first trip to Italy. Russell enjoys work with the Western N.C. HIV/AIDS Consortium, helping low-income residents with HIV. Russell and John keep expanding their organic garden and spend time helping Russell's grandmother, who lives nearby. **Brady Chapman** went to Myrtle Beach for a fall golf weekend with **Scott Ross**, **Brian Bodson**, **Drew White**, **Mike Smith '91**, **Thomas Brophy '94**, and **Blake Parker**. All the guys are doing great, and all are married with kids except for bachelor Brian. Thomas, Drew, Brian, Mike, and Scott live in Northern Virginia; Blake lives in Boston; Brady is in southwest Florida. He and his wife were happily expecting their third child and it sounds like they spend a lot of time attending various "Wiggles" shows with their preschoolers.

Elisabeth "Libby" Johnston Ross sent me a newspaper article with the exciting news that **Robert "Bob" Lunger** has been named as city attorney of Waynesboro, Va., his hometown. Bob graduated from George Mason Law School; he's married and has two children.

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From Amy:

As I write this, I'm officially one week away from the due date of our son. Please keep the updates coming, and don't forget to join us for our 10th reunion, June 1-3, 2007, back in the 'Burg!

From Chelle:

It never ceases to amaze me how many wonderful experiences our classmates report issue after issue. In less than 10 years, our class has accumulated various advanced degrees, achieved high rungs on the corporate ladder, visited every corner of the earth, and populated it with future Mary Washington grads.

Robin Kozic returned to Africa last summer and spent a month camping through Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, and South Africa. Now she's spending her free time fixing up her house in Atlantic Highlands, N.J. In August 2006, **Peter Sullivan** traveled to Idaho with his girlfriend to an Indian reservation. He participated in the "Sho-Ban," an Indian celebration that supports safe air quality consistent with protection of treaty rights, including the health and welfare of people of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. **Alanna Weaver** vacationed in Ecuador in the Amazon rain forest and continues to work at Merck.

Amanda O'Brien, a research scientist in the field of spinal cord injury, and her husband of more than a year, Scott Milleisen, recently bought their first home in Upper Montclair, N.J. **Jackie Curry Todaro** and husband Jim opened their own business in Windham, N.Y., last May. Their store, Mountain Munchables, consists of a butcher shop, fish counter, deli, salad bar, and Jim's home cooking. The ladies from Jackie's floor in Ball Hall know how good that food can be. Jackie also has been promoted to director of the Children's Learning Center at Windham Mountain. Their 6-year-old daughter, Courtney, skis the double black diamonds and is joining the mountain's freestyle team this year. Jim and Jackie are looking forward to building their dream house this spring on the land they purchased overlooking picturesque views of the ski mountain and valley. As if they were not busy enough, Jackie is starting her third year of teaching ballet.

Many baby arrivals to report. **Julie Keefe Fusaro** and **Jason '98** welcomed their third daughter, Alexis Faith, in August, and then moved into their newly built home in Stone Ridge, Va., in October. **Craig Pullen** and his wife had their second son, Jacob, also in August. **Anne Mason Timberlake** and her husband, Jamie, welcomed their third son, Mason Wheary, in September 2006.

Becky Earle Middleton and husband Dennis welcomed their second child, Andrew, in August. Becky enjoyed maternity leave, but was looking forward to returning to her job as vice president of a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. **Erica Van Coverden Rule** and husband Lance welcomed their second child, Mason Alexander, in September. Erica is enjoying extended maternity leave and making the most of Miami's winter weather. **Beth Shultz Filmanski** and husband Tyson had a daughter, Abigail Kaylyn, in September.

Rob Clark and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their first child, Siena Alejandra, into their lives in August.

Rob is a school counselor and football coach at George Mason High School in Falls Church. The Mustang football team won the Bull Run District title. Rob and his family are planning to relocate to Pittsburgh, Pa., in the summer of 2007. **Shannon Wergley Faure** and her husband, Olivier, welcomed their first child, Evan Amory, in October.

Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin and Rachel had their first child, Jacob Micah, in October. Both moms and "Coby" are doing well and are eager for Coby to grow big enough for his first trip to Mary Washington and Carl's for an ice-cream treat! **Bridget Stinger Murray** and husband Dan purchased their first home in Wilmington, N.C.. They also welcomed baby Kyle at the end of October. **Larry Shutts** and his wife, Michelle, are the proud parents of a baby boy. They are restoring their 100-year-old home in Croom, Md.

Cynthia Owen Seifert and her husband, Eric, were expecting their first child, a girl, in March 2007. Cynthia moved from marketing director to a new-home-sales position with Ryland Homes in Austin, Texas. **Brooke Catlett Andriliunis** and husband Mike were also expecting their first child this spring. **Joyce Hanzlik Cain** lives in Chesapeake, Va., with husband Doug and two boys, Josh and Ethan. Last spring, she assisted in the startup of American Funds' satellite office in Chesapeake, and in November was promoted to senior team manager.

Joyce traveled to Northern Virginia in November to attend **Amanda Moore Freel**'s baby shower for baby No. 2, who was due on Christmas Day! Amanda and husband Bill were expecting a boy. In August, **Dianna Rowell** finished her internship in clinical psychology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) System in Boston, defended her dissertation, and received her Ph.D. from SUNY, Albany. She moved in September and began a postdoctoral fellowship with the VA New Jersey Health Care System.

Wedding bells are ringing for **Colleen Minion-Pierce**, who planned to tie the knot with fiancé Michael Uuereb in Las Vegas in March. **Margaret Edder Johnson** and husband Brooks moved from Denver to Chicago last summer. While they miss the Rocky Mountains, Lake Michigan is a nice alternative. **Carter Berkeley** works for a law firm in Columbia, Md., after finishing a two-year job with a Maryland state judge. **Stanley Chopski '99** and **Michaux Tayloe Chopski '98** live in Roanoke.

Aaron Zielinski was promoted to lieutenant commander and looks forward to graduating with his MBA from the College of William & Mary in August. **Ally Serio** lives in Scranton, Pa., and enjoys teaching at a local college. In August, **Stephanie O'Connor Shockley** and husband Dan quit their jobs, sold their house in New Jersey, put most of their things in storage, and moved to New York City. They live on the campus of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, where Stephanie is a first-year student training to be an Episcopal priest. Dan is a first-year student at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, also in New York City. In the rare moments when they are not buried in homework, Stephanie and Dan enjoy all that living in the Chelsea section of New York has to offer.

Caroline Danforth lives with her husband, Scott Hutchison, in Falls Church, Va., and they maintain studios at the Arlington Arts Center, where they paint as much as possible. Caroline is a curator for Arlington's public art program and works part time with a paper conservator in The Phillips Collection's conservation lab. Her artwork will be exhibited in Aachen, Germany's Ludwig Forum fuer Internationale Kunst in August 2007.

I look forward to our reunion in June where we can reminisce about our days at Mary Washington, catch up on the past 10 years, and enjoy all the beautiful things that made Fredericksburg a great place to go to school.

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Mike Paolino and wife Diane expected their first child in early December, so by the time this goes to print they should be fairly sleep-deprived. Likewise for **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson** and husband Andy, who were expecting twins. **Sarah Boyer Knaub** and her husband have relocated from Hampton to Yorktown, Va. Sarah is expecting her second child, a boy.

In other procreation news, **Rob** and **Kelly Cushing** expected their first child in December. Jen Goldman Katz delivered her first child – a girl – in October. **Alison Crumling Pavlak** and her husband, Steve, welcomed twin girls in August. Erin Rodman hopes to deliver a master's degree in film and television studies at the University of Glasgow, with her sights set on a Ph.D. program soon after. Back to actual babies: **Alison Steele Matunas** expected to have her hands full as a new business owner of Battenkill Aquatics and Physical Therapy in Arlington, Vt., and as a mom of two in February.

Caitlin Jenkins was wrapping up a master's degree in art conservation at the University of Buffalo and planned a spring wedding to Jason Losh. **Betsy Maldonado Sauer** and husband Bryan report that Costa Rica and Peru are excellent places to visit. **Adrien Snedeker** has planned his wedding for New Year's Eve 2007. Adrien's housemate, Kathleen "KT" Shea, works at the Washington Post Company. She hoped to visit her brother, **Tim Shea '04**, in Ireland during spring while he studied under a grant for his MFA in poetry.

> ***Karyn Hava '01 planned to travel to southwest Asia to serve as a veterinarian for the U.S. Army.***

Chris Sicuranza and wife Danielle were featured in the *Washington Post* "Express" section *B.I.O.* ("By Invitation Only") the week before their wedding. **Brian Graziano** planned to marry **Collette Yankoupe '99** around Thanksgiving. **Victoria Blevins** ran the Marine Corps Marathon this year! **Jayme Morris Vanhorn** reports that Chris is finishing up his second year at the University of Maryland in pursuit of an MBA. **Todd Hamlin** is working at Booz Allen Hamilton. **Mike Cirami** is a Red Sox season-ticket holder, and he cheers on the home team with fellow Bostonian **Eric Kloss**. During the week, **Sean Tuffy** is a financial analyst in Dublin, Ireland, and fills in as a docent at the Guinness Museum at St. James Gate on weekends.

Kimberly Barber was planning her marriage to Richard Braendel II (Penn State '99) in Wrightsville, Pa., close to her roots in Lancaster County. Mary Washington alumnae involved in the celebration are **Caralyea Barranco-Landry** and **Beth Moss-Burke**.

Erika and I are long-term house sitters in Portland, Conn., a situation we highly recommend. The house came with two cats with whom our 9-year-old Fredericksburg-bred dog, Pabst, is coming to terms. We both work as high school counselors; I'm at a public school and Erika at a private boarding school. We plan a month-long trip to New Zealand for the summer of 2007 – school counselors, it turns out, get summers off.

Remember to fill us in on the significant or otherwise events of your life and times! If you have not received an email begging for updates, please contact us at the email address listed above and you will likely see your name in print in the next issue of *TODAY*.

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The Class of 2001 has been busy! Here are just a few updates.

John Dangerfield and **Erin Forrest** are engaged and planned to marry in May of 2007 in Richmond. Fellow classmates in the wedding party are **Ted Dangerfield '00**, **Marc Speed '03**, **Dave Bessom '03**, **Katie Laskey**, **Monica Price Dangerfield**, and **Yvette Uhalde**.

Corie Tarbet teaches world history and advanced placement comparative governments for the Center for International Studies and Languages program at C.D. Hylton High School, Prince William County, Va. He completed his master of arts degree in history in January at George Mason University. **Karyn Hava** planned to travel to southwest Asia to serve as a veterinarian for the U.S. Army in the spring of 2007. In August, **Kelly Turcic Bailey** left her position at United Way and accepted a position with Thiel College as the director of annual giving and parent relations. She is working on a graduate degree in public policy and management at the University of Pittsburgh.

Zac Sargent lives in San Francisco and is an architectural photographer and photography assistant. **Amy Benson** finished her master's degree in applied developmental psychology and is engaged. **Sara Harney** married Jim Correll in October 2006; they live in Fairfax, Va. **Jen Amore** passed the New York and Connecticut bars and is an attorney at an employment law boutique firm in D.C. **Madelyn Marino** traveled around Southeast Asia for three weeks, visiting Singapore; Bangkok, Thailand; Chiang Mai, Thailand; Siem Reap, Cambodia; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; where she visited numerous temples and did her fair share of shopping. **James Ahlmann** is the United States special

agent-in-charge of a collections unit in Afghanistan.

Sarah Bigelow is assistant vice president of institutional programs at Merrill Lynch in Philadelphia, where she is completing her MBA at Drexel University. She plans to marry Brendan Duffy in August. In August, **Carla Villar** finished her bachelor of science in nursing from the George Mason second-degree accelerated nursing program, and she is a registered nurse in the medical/surgical unit of Inova Alexandria Hospital. **Lauren Oviatt Brennan** is manager of student affairs for the Division of Engineering at Brown University and takes photography classes at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Virginia L Green married Shane K. Bartlett in Montego Bay, Jamaica, in August 2006. They live in Nashville, where Virginia is working on a doctorate in religion and ethics, and Shane is working on a bachelor of fine arts in film.

Teresa Joerger Mannix was recently promoted to interim director of news and public information at the University of Mary Washington. **Caroline Jarvis** lives in Alexandria, Va., but she plans to move to England in the fall of 2007 where she hopes to work on her MBA.

Caroline and Teresa would like to remind you to continue sending in your updates – it's great to hear from you!!

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There is lots of news to report. **Virginia Atkinson** is studying for a master's degree in international relations at the University of Reading in England. While living in Brooklyn, N.Y., **Sarah Sedaghatfar** is getting a master's degree in interior architecture/design at Pratt Institute; she works part time at an architectural firm. **Nina Cronin** graduated from St. John's University School of Law, passed the bar exam in Connecticut, and is now a staff writer covering the political beat at the *Long Island Press* in Long Island, N.Y. In addition, she is writing for the *College Music Journal*, reviewing the latest in independent and alternative music.

Karolina Nowak Dembinska-Lemus received a master's degree in linguistics from Georgetown University, where she is pursuing a doctorate. **Michael Steele** will work as a summer associate with the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker in Washington, D.C., during summer 2007. He is working on his J.D. at Boston College Law School and plans to graduate in 2008. **Stacy Rogers** graduated from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania with a master's degree in biology and is pursuing a doctorate of physical therapy at Old Dominion University in Virginia.

Laura Sussman works as a media specialist at an elementary school in Goochland County, Va., and is working toward her master's degree in public school administration through VCU as well as a certification in school library science through Longwood University. **Libby Eddy** graduated from George Mason University last summer with a master's degree in education and teaches fourth grade in Stafford County. She is engaged, and she plans a July 2007 wedding, followed by a move to Colorado.

Paige Golden is a literacy coach in the New Haven Public School System in New Haven, Conn. **Mieke Lynn Lane Wall** is a second-grade teacher at Potomac Elementary School. **Rebecca Romaneski** lives in Arlington, Va., is a Jazzercise instructor, and is a full-time grad student, pursuing a master's degree in divinity from Regent University. **Jess Brandes** and **Diana Daly** are living in Alexandria, Va. Diana works for washington-post.com, and Jess works in nonprofit development at a medical facility. **John Chiles**, wife **Sara '02**, and their son live in Gordonsville, Va. John runs his own landscape business, is an environmental engineer for VDOT, volunteers as a firefighter, and is a member of the town planning commission. **Gayle Yanez** is a human resource manager at Childhelp in Lignum, Va. **Chad Denton** recently published a book, *Absolute Power*, a historical nonfiction work that will soon be available in the United States.

Stefani Moore has switched careers and is now a new-townhome sales associate in Raleigh, N.C. **Rebecca Hinckley Kinn** lives in Upper Marlboro, Md., works as a geographer for the U.S. Census Bureau, and just celebrated her first wedding anniversary. As executive director of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, **Billy Shelton** is in charge of the training program for Virginia's Fire and Emergency Services, is responsible for seven regional offices, and oversees an annual budget of $24 million.

Many UMW alumni are living abroad. **Kara O'Connor** and her boyfriend, **Arthur Scibal**, live in Johannesburg, South Africa. Kara teaches Spanish at the American International School of Johannesburg, and Art works as a tutor and full-time fourth-grade assistant. Prior to moving to South Africa, Art completed his masters of education at Framingham State College's program in Katowice, Poland. He then taught business English in Kiel, Germany. **Diana Bendixen** planned to move to Costa Rica to attend the Costa Rican School of Massage Therapy in February.

This summer, **Katie Kugler Drummond** graduated from MCV-VCU with a doctorate in physical therapy, got married, and now lives in Silver Spring, Md. **Jennifer Worcester Moore** married last fall in a wedding attended by many UMW graduates. She and her husband reside in Hamilton, Va. **Suzanne Perry Wallis** was married this summer in Virginia Beach, Va. The couple met while serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Oakland, Calif., and now reside in Richmond, Va.

Erin Donegan and **Eric Frere** were married in July. **Jennifer O'Leary** and **Kevin Pushee '04** were married in August 2006 in Hanover, N.H., with many UMW graduates in attendance. **Mary Schmotzer** and her husband recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary and bought a home in Williamsburg. Mary works for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. **Katie Wood** married **Matt Sevon** and both joined the Peace Corps. They completed their service in Bolivia in June and live in Maryland. **Marcy "Lee" Crockett Darcy** moved to Vermont in 2004, married her "reenacting sweetheart" in May of 2005, and expected her first baby in May. **Erin Medlyn Clapp** and her husband had their first child, Cillian.

Jenny Crites Dye and her husband live in Roanoke City, Va., where they celebrated the birth of their first child, Madeleine. Jenny also completed her master's degree in counselor education from Virginia Tech and is now working as a professional school counselor in Botetourt County, Va. **Matt Korniotes**, of Fredericksburg, married in the summer of 2005 and had a baby girl in the summer of 2006. Matt is a subcontract administrator for Raytheon Intelligence and Information Systems in Falls Church, Va., and is pursuing an MBA in contracts and procurement from the UMW College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue. Please continue to send me your updates.

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Worth Stokes Haile and her husband live in Champlain, Va. She has opened a photography business and gallery, *Studio 9*, and has been collaborating with graphic artist **Mary Rothlisberger '05** on a logo and public relations materials. She exchanges business advice with colleague **Amanda Tillman '03**, who recently started her own photography business in Seattle, Wash.

Mary Kate Sheridan is in her third year at Columbia University of Law, and she expects to graduate with her J.D. in May of 2007. She was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and she is a writing and research editor for the *Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*.

Erin Hopkins married Connor Peterson in August 2006 in Forest, Va. **Chris Dimotisis**, **Tyler "Boo" Holtzman**, and **Lars Holmstrom '05** were groomsmen; **Andrea Devening** and **Brianna Miller '03** were bridesmaids. **Dan Sherman** officiated.

Katie Leesman works for Dell, Inc., in its government relations office in Washington, D.C., where she also lives. **Josh Morris**, of Centerville, Va., is a copywriter for Clearword Communications.

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Corinne Meyerhoff Kuehner, a native of King George, Va., runs her own business, The Dancer's Wardrobe, in the Galleria on Caroline Street in Fredericksburg. She and her husband of more than one year, Jermie, plan to buy a home and start a family when he gets out of the Navy next May.

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Hazel Bricker Shaffer '38
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Darriel Webster Oliver '69
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Dr. Sandra White, a member of the faculty from 1989-2004, and Chair of the Education Department from 1995-2001.

CONDOLENCES

Marie Krafft Kelleher '35, who lost her husband

Norma Lee Walker '41, who lost her husband

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman '47, who lost her brother

Marge Diener Knapp '50, who lost her husband

Jacqueline "Jaci" Epes Lauck '52, who lost her husband

Carole Kolton Bryson '55, who lost her son and her mother

Coralyn White McGeehan '55, who lost her husband

Ellen Hertz Hewitt '57, who lost her son

Peggy Gray Williams '57, who lost her mother

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle '59, who lost her mother

Edna Gooch Trudeau '59, who lost her husband

Pat Scott Peck '61, who lost her brother

Vaughan Hargroves Scott '61, who lost her brother

Kay Smith Majeski '66, who lost her father

Linda J. McNaughton '69, who lost her husband

Kimm Harty '80, who lost her mother and her father

Tracy Greener Hollan '86, who lost her mother

Stanley Chopski '98, who lost his father

Cornelia Davidson Oliver

Distinguished Professor Emerita of Art **Cornelia Davidson "Neal" Oliver**, 81, died in January at her Fredericksburg home, and her loss is felt by all of us in the UMW academic community.

I first met Neal when I began teaching in the art department in 1976. What I remember most about this initial encounter was the way in which Neal, despite my fledgling status, simply and gracefully accepted me as an equal. She immediately went about the business of orienting me to my new professional context.

Although for me her attitude and actions were as exceptional as they were reassuring, I discovered later that for Neal this was standard operating procedure. Neal always did everything she could to make new department faculty members feel welcome and accepted.

Cornelia Davidson "Neal" Oliver

Another wonderful trait, which became apparent to me early on and which was a constant of Neal's personality, was her capacity for finding joy in the good fortune of others. Whenever I told Neal about positive developments in my personal or family life, her spontaneous response, delivered with genuine enthusiasm, was always an emphatic "Good for you, Joe!"

Neal's generosity of spirit came through in countless ways. An avid – even passionate – gardener, she thoroughly enjoyed the many hours she spent working in her backyard. However, the pleasure she took in this solitary pastime was amplified when she engaged in a regular routine of distributing her carefully cultivated plants and flowers to neighbors. Neal also possessed a genuine love for children. I will never forget the delight she took in showing my son, Erik, probably 3 or 4 years old at the time, her collection of Russian nesting dolls. Erik, now 28, also still remembers this moment of love and magic that Neal created for him so many years ago.

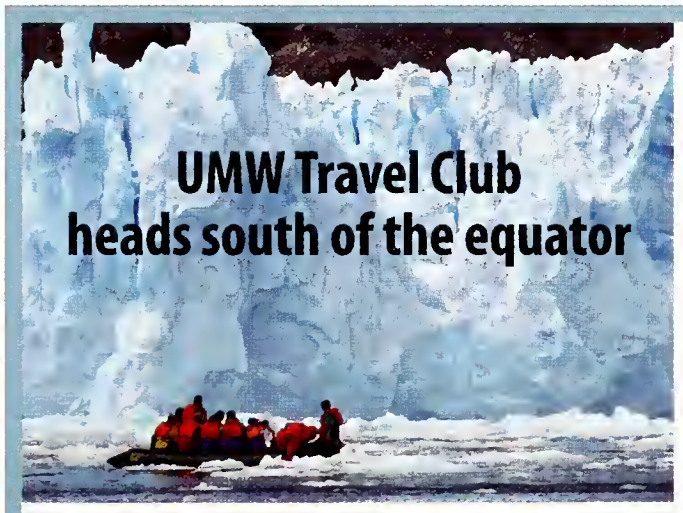
From a professional standpoint, it was clear that Neal loved to teach, another manifestation of her generosity of spirit. Her students were the grateful beneficiaries. And despite her unassuming attitude, Neal was supremely confident in the classroom, so much so that she once jokingly remarked to me that she could effectively teach any subject, including veterinary medicine!

Even so, it was art – not animals – that captivated Neal. Her irrepressible love of art and art history overflowed, not only in her teaching, but also in her excitement about the latest exhibits she had visited in Washington, D.C., or on the numerous European sojourns she took with her husband, George.

George was Neal's constant companion, best friend, and close colleague. The two of them had much to discuss and commiserate about as he also was an educator. He enjoyed a distinguished 40-year career as a professor of history at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. The two of them took tremendous pride in their daughters, Byrd and Mary, and Neal relished her role as grandmother to four.

Neal Oliver was a wonderful friend and colleague because she took so much joy in her own life and was so willing to share that joy with others. She will be dearly missed.

– Joseph G. Dreiss, professor of art and art history



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You can experience all of these and more during the 2008 UMW Travel Club. The destination is the Patagonian peninsula of South America; the dates are Jan. 26 through Feb. 7, 2008. Reservations are currently being accepted for this once-in-a-lifetime excursion to ***Chile and Argentina: The Best of all Worlds by Land and Sea.***

The trip will begin in the historic city of Santiago, Chile, with a stay at the Grand Hyatt Santiago, visits to the region's best wineries, and tours of this major metropolitan area's museums, including the renowned Pre-Columbian Art Museum. The journey will continue with a cruise aboard the *Via Australis* for an exploration of nature's most majestic land forms including the Pia Glacier, "Glaciers Avenue," and the Darwin Mountains. Side trips aboard smaller boats will take travelers "up close and personal" with cormorants, penguins, elephant seals, and exotic flora and fauna on the way "around the horn" to Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world.

This trip below the equator will conclude in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with visits to the presidential Casa Rosada, the historic Plaza de Mayo, and other locales showcasing the life of former First Lady Evita Perón. Sometimes referred to as the "Paris of the South," this capital city is a cultural mecca for artists, musicians, and tango dancers, and it provides a plethora of opportunities for fine dining and shopping.

Board of Visitors Rector J. William Poole and his wife, Betty, will be a part of this exciting adventure, as well as Mary Washington alumna and Associate Professor of Spanish Ana Garcia Chichester. For more information visit www.umw.edu/gift or call 540/654-1024. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority booking granted to members of the President's Council.

UMW TRAVEL CLUB

Pistols' Overseas Odyssey Gives Professor a Shot at Determining Origin

By Meghan C. Budinger

Assistant Director and Curator, James Monroe Museum, located in downtown Fredericksburg and administered by UMW

It is not often that a curator in a history museum has the task of writing about present-day science and technology. My subject revolves around a recent event here at the James Monroe Museum that was quite unusual for us. Within our collection, we have a pair of dueling pistols that came to us with an interesting story. The pistols, once owned by James Monroe, date to circa 1815 and were apparently made in the area of present-day Argentina.

The story goes that General Ignacio Alvarez, Supreme Director of the United Provinces of the Rio de la Plata (a confederation of several modern South American nations, including Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay), commissioned the brace of pistols to be made from meteoric iron found in the Campo del Cielo crater in Argentina. He then presented the pistols to President James Madison in homage to the leader of another "free government." Unfortunately, at the time of General Alvarez's presentation, the United States had not officially recognized the United Provinces as a governmental entity, due to the fact that the South American Wars of Independence were ongoing. Madison, hoping to avoid any sort of international embarrassment, had the pistols placed in the State Department and quietly thanked General Alvarez for his gift.

How the pistols came into James Monroe's possession is subject of some speculation. It is possible that Madison gave the pistols to Monroe as a gift on any one of several occasions, such as in honor of Monroe's bravery during the War of 1812 or upon Monroe's own inauguration as the fifth president. It is also possible that when the United States did officially recognize Argentinean independence in 1823, Monroe had the pistols removed from the State Department and officially accepted them.

Over the last six months, the story of these pistols has taken an interesting twist. Last fall, Evelyne Godfrey, an instructor in UMW's Department of Historic Preservation, contacted the James Monroe Museum. A specialist in historic metals, she had been asked to present a paper on a topic of her choice at an upcoming metals conference in Europe. Godfrey was intrigued by the pistols and their unique metal composition of meteoric iron. She proposed putting the pistols through a battery of scientific tests that would analyze their composition on the molecular level, using various types of high-tech equipment available in only a few labs in the world.

In order to have the tests performed, the pistols would have to be sent to Oxford, England; Munich, Germany; and Amsterdam, The Netherlands. They would be put through a radiation process and would then have to remain in a sealed chamber for at least three weeks, until their radiation level dropped, thereby making them safe to handle and be allowed to pass through customs. Curators, as a general rule, do not like people standing too close to their precious objects, let alone someone wanting to irradiate them! However, I was curious, and the use of the European labs was a rare opportunity.

So, the museum's duo of dueling pistols was sent abroad just before Christmas. We received a few updates over the next few weeks, letting us know the pistols were still in one piece. We also learned that, among the Munich scientists accustomed to examing rocks and metal deposits mined from the Earth, the firearms had become something of a sensation at the lab. Throughout the pistols' stay in Germany, they became "rock star" objects and had many curious onlookers as the battery of tests was performed. Finally, it was time for the pistols to come home, and for Godfrey to reveal the findings.

First, Godfrey was able to obtain a piece of the meteor from the Campo del Cielo crater in Argentina and run identical tests on it. By comparing the analysis of our pistols and the meteor sample, she could debunk the theory that the pistols were made from the iron found at Campo del Cielo; in fact, she discovered, they contained no meteoric iron at all. She also found that the intricate decoration and metal inlay on the wooden handles and metal barrels of the pistols were not made of silver as we had always thought – actually, it is a highly polished tin alloy. Through three-dimensional neutron radiographs, Godfrey could also answer another of our long-standing questions: Were they actual, working guns, capable of being fired? The answer turns out to be yes.

What do all these findings mean? The research unveiled as many questions as answers.

Does the fact that the pistols are not made of iron from the Campo del Cielo meteorite negate the entire story of the Argentina-Madison-Monroe connection? Not necessarily. Campo del Cielo is one of the largest and oldest meteor craters in South America. It is entirely possible that the pistols were indeed fashioned in the area of present-day Argentina, but from regular cast iron, and Campo del Cielo was simply inserted into the story because of its fame. The finding that the decorative inlay on the pistols is tin rather than silver is a bit of a disappointment, however. Would General Alvarez have presented to a man he revered a gift that was decorated with a cheaper metal made to look expensive? Unlikely, but not impossible.

And what of the internal mechanisms of the pistols? If the guns were meant to be a ceremonial gift, why would they be anything more than decorative? Does General Alvarez's military connection have something to do with it?

Overall, Godfrey was happy with the results, but she has also decided that she needs more information on the manufacturing of firearms in South America at that time. Additionally, she hopes to be able to track down a third pistol apparently made from Campo del Cielo iron, and presented around the same time to General Miguel Belgrano, the first President of the Republic of Argentina.

Currently, this pair of dueling pistols is on loan to James Madison's Montpelier in Orange, Va., and is displayed in the new Visitor Center there.

Making a positive impact

Josephine "Jo" McPherson Heslep '56 believes in giving back. She and her husband, Donald, have owned and operated a number of profitable businesses, including a construction company and the first self-storage business in Chesterfield County, Va. Currently, they own and manage eight locations of Blue and Gray Self Storage in the greater Richmond area and the 50-acre Oasis Sports Park in Chesterfield.

Because her broad-based Mary Washington education provided the background she needed to succeed, Jo wants to help today's UMW students broaden their base of knowledge. Jo, who took economics and business classes, has served as business manager for the couple's joint ventures.

The Hesleps recently finalized a $1 million unrestricted bequest to UMW in an arrangement similar to one they have with Don's alma mater, Virginia Military Institute. "We felt it was important to do the same for Mary Washington," Jo said, "so that future leaders can do what is best for the school when and where it is most needed."

The Hesleps are now in the process of establishing a foundation to support future philanthropic activities. "If you are fortunate enough to have the resources," Jo said, "it's important to do what you can to have a positive impact on people."

Josephine "Jo" McPherson Heslep '56 and her husband, Donald.

Learn more about the UMW Heritage Society and how you can provide for Mary Washington students through your estate plans.

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FAST FRIENDS

The children of Siete de Abril have an abiding affection for UMW senior Shin Fujiyama.
To learn more about Fujiyama and his efforts to help families in the Honduran village, see page 12.

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